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States

Peterson trial: Testimony in Scott Peterson's murder trial again turned to evidence collected by police during the early stages of the investigation, with a criminalist admitting that little blood has been found in the Peterson home. Pin Kyo, a state Department of Justice criminalist, told jurors she found no blood on two mops and a bucket seized from the Petersons' home. Prosecutors have implied Peterson used the mops to clean the murder scene, but have presented no evidence to support that theory.

Paula Jones lawsuit: A judge on Monday tossed out a claim by Paula Jones that a real estate tycoon owes her \$1 million he had promised if she dropped her lawsuit against President Clinton.

U.S. District Judge Peter Leisure wrote that he concluded Jones agreed not to accept the \$1 million from Abe Hirschfeld during her settlement negotiations with Clinton.

In her lawsuit, Jones had claimed that Hirschfeld's public promise of \$1 million "was still on the table" even as she settled with Clinton in November 1998 for \$850,000.

Ten Commandments judge: Ousted Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore contends judges have overstepped their authority in religious expression cases, but his bid to reverse the trend continues to move slowly to reach, despite his personal pleas to Congress. Making his second appearance before Congress in just over three months, Moore on Monday defended the Constitution Restoration Act, which he helped write, before a House Judiciary Committee panel on courts, the Internet and intellectual property.

Fingerprint analysis error: The Justice Department has launched two internal investigations into the arrest of Oregon lawyer Brandon Mayfield, who was detained by the FBI earlier this year because of a faulty fingerprint analysis that wrongly linked him to the deadly terrorist bombings in Madrid, according to a report released Monday.

Inspector General Glenn A. Fine is investigating the FBI's conduct in the case, including whether Mayfield was targeted in part because of his Muslim beliefs, according to a report to Congress released by Fine's office. The FBI publicly apologized to Mayfield in May.

World

Princess Diana's death: A Paris appeals court on Tuesday upheld the acquittals of three photographers accused of invasion of privacy after they took pictures of Princess



RICHARD R. WAITE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Eagle eyes: An E-2C Hawkeye from the "Black Eagles" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 113 takes flight from the USS John C. Stennis on Sunday. Stennis and embarked Carrier Air Wing 14 are on a scheduled deployment in the Western Pacific Ocean.

Diana and Dodi Fayed at the scene of their deadly crash.

Jacques Langevin, Christian Martinez and Fabrice Chassery were first acquitted last November. Fayed's father, Egyptian-born billionaire Mohammed Ali Fayed, filed an appeal, which was rejected Tuesday by the Paris court.

"Photos like that are taken every day in every country in the world," Langevin said. "The judges were courageous. Justice has been done — for the moment."

Sept. 11 trial: A new witness in the retrial of the only Sept. 11 suspect ever convicted says he saw the defendant with the Hamburg-based suicide pilots four months before the 2001 attacks, a judge said Tuesday.

The witness, a restaurant owner, told investigators he saw defendant Mounir el Motassadeq with hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah at his establishment on May 1, 2001, Presiding Judge Ernst-Reiner Schudt said. The statement contradicts el Motassadeq's contention that he last saw Atta in May 2000.

Relations with North Korea: North Korea on Tuesday accused the United States of sending midget radios and "impure" publications into the country to destroy the isolated communist state with "rotten imperialist reactionary culture."

North Korea's totalitarian government has reportedly tightened surveillance in recent months, out of fear that some of its hun-

der-stricken people were receiving smuggled tiny transistor radios capable of receiving outside news.

Israeli settlements: Senior Israeli Cabinet ministers on Tuesday approved the payment of cash advances to Jewish settlers who will be removed from their homes under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

The 9-1 vote in the Security Cabinet marked the government's first concrete step toward the withdrawal and gave a boost to Sharon, who faces growing opposition. He also rejected a rival's call to hold a national referendum on the Gaza pullout.

War on terrorism

Ruling in Moussaoui case: The nation's only Sept. 11-related case moved closer to trial, with the 4th Circuit Court in Richmond, Va., ruling that reaffirmed the government's right to seek Zacarias Moussaoui's execution but protected his access to favorable statements from al-Qaida leaders.

The opinion Monday appeared to give Moussaoui's lawyers their first chance to submit questions to three al-Qaida terrorist leaders who made statements to interrogators that could help Moussaoui avoid execution. Some of those statements said Moussaoui, who was arrested nearly a month before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, was not to be part of the suicide hijackings.

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Fun-raiser set to aid pet shelter near Yokosuka

By NANCY MONTGOMERY

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — For the past eight years, scores of dogs and hundreds of cats have passed through Yokosuka's only animal shelter and into the lives of local families.

Such as Fred. A lively Shiba seen running free through Negishi this summer, Fred now awaits adoption from his cage in PAWS (Pets are Worth Saving), on the north side of the base, along with several cats and kittens and a boxer mix who barked too much for his original owners' liking.

While the animals wait, PAWS workers and supporters will celebrate their eighth anniversary Friday with a fund-raiser at the Officers Club. The event, which will include a silent and live auction, hors d'oeuvres, music and a slide show, runs 6-8:30 p.m. in the Officers Club's Admiralty room. Tickets are \$20.

The event marks the anniversary of an organization widely regarded as bringing an extra measure of humanity to the base. Years ago, Dawn Zumwalt says, before there was a PAWS and she was still a senior at Kinrick High School, "If animals were brought in, they were put down."

Zumwalt, now grown up, married to a sailor and serving as PAWS president, said, "I'm really impressed with all the progress that's been made."

There have been ups and downs, however.

Two years ago, there was such a shortage of volunteers for the shelter's cleanup and dog walks. Although the shelter can always use volunteers, Zumwalt said, it currently has a solid group of about 30.

Three years ago, the group helped base veterinarians institute a cat-control program called Trap, Alter, Vaccinate, Release (TAVR). While the program lasted, feral cats on the base, of which there were and are many, were trapped, then underwent sterilization surgery and were tested for disease before being released. The idea was to control the cat population (which helps control the rodent population) by returning cats unable to reproduce to their territory. The theory is that the territory won't then be taken over by another, fertile cat.

But that program was halted more than a year ago when the Navy decided it no longer would pay for the program, including the \$35 worth of vaccines and surgical supplies per cat. The program's demise was mourned by many.

"I would have loved to see that program stay," said Spc. James Sandler, base veterinary technician. "If you trap and euthanize an animal, another animal's just going to come and take its place."

All PAWS animals must be cleared by the base before they're eligible for adoption, and all are not only tested and vaccinated but spayed or neutered as well. An adoption fee helps offset the cost.

The shelter saves and finds homes for kittens found on the base. PAWS also accepts animals turned in by their owners. "Some people don't want to have to take them on their PCS. Some people get a new baby or allergies develop over the years," Zumwalt said. "Or we'll get a dog because they're getting too many complaints from their neighbors that the dog is barking too much."

But big dogs pose a problem. Right now, Zumwalt said, there's a Great Dane in Ikego that needs a new home. But the shelter can't take it in, because there's not enough space to accommodate it, she said.

This is the second year for the fund raiser. Last year's auction raised \$4,600, Zumwalt said.

"Hopefully, it's going to work again that well."

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JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

As of Sept. 1, only plastic or metal storage sheds are authorized for housing residents at Misawa Air Base, Japan. Since January, at least 400 units on base had to be replaced with tarpaulin sheds to conform to the new requirement.

Misawa's tarpaulin shed ban complete

By JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — In the name of aesthetics, tarpaulin sheds now are banned at this northern Japan base.

Base residents had until Sept. 1 to rid their yard of the green, plastic-tarp storage bins after base officials announced the policy change almost a year ago, in October, and notified residents through correspondence, housing newsletters and other means.

"As of today, they are gone," Lt. Col. David Maharrey, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, said Monday. "We actually had 450-plus the beginning of January and they are all gone right now."

Ten housing residents were ticketed after the deadline for not removing their tarpaulin sheds, Maharrey said. All since have replaced the tarps with approved plastic or metal storage sheds sold at the base exchange or at local hardware stores, he added. The green fabric covers were an eyesore, Maharrey said; after enduring Misawa's wet, windy winters, many had frayed edges or holes.

"They don't last yet people continue to use them," Maharrey said. "They're very thin fabric; they don't stand up to continuous winters here."

"We have community standards," he

added. "We're basically no different than any other planned community in the United States. It's not the same as living out in a rural area, where, truthfully, there's nobody around and if you want to have a junk pile, you can have a junk pile."

The approved sheds cost more than the tarpaulin. A green fabric shed at a local hardware store was priced this week at \$8,800 (about \$78), while storage sheds through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Misawa run from about \$125 to \$565, depending on size and type. Approved sheds also are sold off base, though they're a bit more expensive than those sold by AAFES.

Anyone who puts up a tarpaulin shed will receive a housing infraction, base officials said; three can lead to removal from base.

Maharrey said the unsightly tarpaulin sheds have been an issue for years but "there wasn't a suitable substitute. Now that shed qualities have gotten there, this is where we need to be. It's a little bit painful to make that transition, but we did it and I thank everyone for their support."

The commander noted that two-bedroom houses at Misawa soon will get outdoor storage facilities. They're the only housing units with yards at Misawa that lack built-in exterior storage, Maharrey said. The project is to start this year.

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Raising flags in remembrance



Cadets from Ernest J. King High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps raised flags during an annual POW/MIA ceremony on Tuesday in front of the base headquarters building at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, conducted to honor those who have been "lost but not forgotten."

IAN W. ANDERSON
Courtesy of Sasebo
Naval Base

Alleged misdoings probed at Yokosuka

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A longtime worker at the base Ship Repair Facility has been placed on leave while criminal investigators look into what the Navy is calling a possible long-term "misallocation of resources" at the facility.

The employee, a Japanese national working at SRF on Sept. 3 was put into a "non-working status" for alleged misconduct, according to a Navy source. Yokosuka base spokesman Chase said he knew neither whether the employee still was being paid nor how long he'd been an employee, other than a long time.

According to a Japanese newspaper citing a source, SRF case could involve \$1.8 million gained over the past decade through fake procurement orders and could involve more than one worker. Chase would not confirm that report.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service opened an investigation into the SRF some months ago. Chase said the investigation began after an anonymous tip to the Investigator General that there was sent to the SRF's commanding officer. With more than 2,000 employees, most of them Japanese nationals, the SRF is Yokosuka's largest tenant command.

According to Chase, any criminal charges against the employee would have to be brought by Japanese prosecutors. Chase said NCTS would forward a copy of its completed investigation to Japanese authorities. He also said base officials would provide more information about the matter after the investigation was completed, although he said he didn't know when that would be.

6 armed mines removed

Contractors working on the runway relocation project at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, discovered unexploded ordnance in water about 100 yards from where they were working along the south part of the project.

In early September, one of the contractors' magnetometers "detected metal in the water," said a Marine spokesman Tuesday.

"They then sent divers to check it out," Warrant Officer Wesley Williams, explosive ordnance disposal officer-in-charge, stated in a Marine news report.

Base personnel were called to the scene, as were Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force divers. The JMSDF divers found three large and three small unexploded mines, according to the report.

"They were first marked by contractor divers with buoy markers and then JMSDF divers came" to remove them, base spokesman Capt. Stewart Upton said Tuesday.

"They do appear to be of Japanese origin, from World War II or prior," Wesley stated in the report. "We are not sure how they got there. But they were still intact."

"We consider the worst-case scenario," he said. The ordnance was considered "to be armed."

JMSDF disposal divers removed them, he added.

From staff reports.

DOD revamp for personnel system revamp

Plan aims to make regulations for civilians more competitive with private sector

By FRANKLIN FISHER

Stars and Stripes

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — Defense Department civilians eager for details on how the agency may revamp how it pays, promotes, hires and fires people, will have a few more months to wait, a senior Pentagon official said Tuesday.

In December, the department will publish in the Federal Register a set of draft regulations detailing how it might overhaul the personnel system for appropriated fund employees, said David L. Snyder, assistant chief of civilian personnel policy at the Department of the Army, during a town hall meeting at Yongsan.

The revamped system will be called the National Security Personnel System, or NSPS. Its aim is to make the Defense Department's personnel system more efficient and better able to compete with the private sector in trying to fill job slots, officials said. "The intention is to make it better for both the employees and the management," Snyder said.

The current system, the Yongsan audience was told, makes the hiring process too slow and hurts recruiting. Among other deficiencies officials have cited: Outstanding performers are paid the same as poor ones and managers face

limited flexibility in reassigning employees.

But, Snyder told the audience, whatever changes finally are made will be in harmony with long-standing civil service values, including merit system principles, and would not violate existing laws on certain personnel practices, such as those barring racial, religious or gender discrimination.

The NSPS already has sparked strong controversy among labor unions including the Federal Education Association, whose members are educators and support staff working in Department of Defense schools.

The unions have charged that in DOD advocating the new personnel rules want to limit or scrap collective bargaining and reduce the current impartial, outside bodies used to settle disputes with a board mostly appointed by DOD.

Snyder was in South Korea this week to brief DOD civilians on the efforts to revise the DOD personnel system under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2004. President Bush signed the bill into law in November.

"We really want ... to hear from all sides before we actually change the system," Snyder told Stars and Stripes. "No decisions have been made as yet as to what this ought to be. ... These are just

things that are being considered. Working groups are ... constructing options, that kind of thing."

Snyder spent about 90 minutes Tuesday briefing some 200 employees at Yongsan's Balboni Theater. Joining him was Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs.

A similar session was set for Wednesday at Camp Henry in Taegu. The Army has held about 30 briefings in 25 locations, in the United States, Europe, Hawaii, and this week's two in Korea.

"We tried to catch a fairly significant number of the larger installations," Snyder said. "I would expect that as the details become more clear, the Army will continue to be having sessions like this. ... I know the leadership is very intent" on getting "the maximum amount of information to the maximum number of people." Accordingly, the Defense Department also has been briefing civilian employees in other services — one part of a broader Pentagon effort to find the best way to set up the NSPS, Snyder said.

Pentagon working groups have been looking in detail at various ways the existing system might be changed, he said. Pentagon officials also are in contact with key national labor unions about the possible changes.

They hope to put key ideas to the test in a pilot project, "Spiral One," to begin in July. The test run would involve several thousand volunteer participants at certain military installations around the world, Snyder said. "It's a way to try to get it as right as we can before we go to full implementation."

The Pentagon has set up working groups for areas including compensation, performance management, workforce hiring, assignment, pay administration and shaping, employee engagement, labor relations and appeals, Snyder told his Yongsan audience. Officials will draw on the groups' recommendations to draft proposed NSPS regulations, he said.

"The next big thing is that the total workforce is going to be able to see the details in the Federal Register," at the end of December, he told Stripes.

"They can also see the options that are being considered on that DOD Web site," he said. "They're not terribly complex." The Defense Department's NSPS Web site is at www.cpmc.osd.mil/nsps. Information specific to the Army is at www.cpol.army.mil.

Among key items under consideration are "pay for performance" and what Snyder in the interview called "grade banding."

Pay for performance would link employees' pay to their supervisors' evaluations. The more favorable the evaluations, the higher the pay.

Grade banding — what was called "pay banding" in the briefing — would simplify the DOD pay structure for white-collar employees by reducing the number of pay grades to a few "grade bands," Snyder said. Within a grade band would be various pay steps, giving managers more flexibility.

"The benefits that are you have salary flexibility in what you can pay people from the lowest end of the band to the highest," Snyder told Stripes. "In places where you want to compete, you have much more flexibility in what you can pay people."

Managers would be responsible for keeping salary arrangements within bounds, he said. "People are going to have to be very conscious that they cannot allow their salaries to escalate out of hand."

Lee Kang-nim, who works at the 17th Finance Command, called the presentation helpful. "It was very informative," he said after attending the briefing. "About pay banding was most useful because I didn't have any idea what was going to happen."

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Airmen returning

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 374th Airlift Wing will welcome home another batch of deployed airmen Thursday, base officials said.

About 90 troops, part of a set rotation within the Air Force's Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle, are scheduled to return after leaving three months ago to support the global war on terrorism. They tackled various roles in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Family members and friends of the returning servicemembers will gather for the occasion, along with senior military leaders.

Yokota exercise

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Officials from the 374th Airlift Wing are touting this week's Operational Readiness Exercise a success after airmen carried out numerous functions, including the delivery of personnel, supplies and equipment. The drill's scenario involves a response to hostilities on the Korean Peninsula.

"Our dedicated Samurai Warriors have been working around the clock to successfully meet the wartime tasks we've been given," Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airlift Wing commander, stated in a news release. "We train the way we fight

— and it's evident in the way our people have stepped up to the challenge."

Scenarios within the weeklong exercise include generating multiple aircraft sorties, deploying hundreds of personnel, building and delivering cargo under pressure and testing the wing's ability to survive and operate in nuclear, biological and chemical environments, the release stated.

"Whether it is deploying troops, supplies or equipment, or defending Yokota Air Base, we stand ready to support the mission at hand," Schissler was quoted as saying.

The exercise is to end Friday.

Iwakuni court-martial

Lance Plt. Christopher D. Rember from Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron recently was found guilty at court-martial for violating Article 121 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

He was charged with wrongful appropriation in stealing an ATM card and with larceny for stealing a total of \$860 from the automated teller machine.

Rember was given a bad conduct discharge and 45 days' confinement and will forfeit \$795 pay per month for four months.

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Baghdad, Baqouba suffer deadly attacks

3 U.S. troops killed in other Iraq violence

BY SAMEER N. YACUB
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A car bomb Tuesday ripped through a busy street near a Baghdad police headquarters where Iraqis were waiting to apply for jobs on the force, and gunmen opened fire on a van carrying police home from work in Baqouba, killing at least 59 people total and wounding at least 114.

In the western city of Ramadi, clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents killed at least eight civilians and wounded 18 on Tuesday, medical officials said. Ramadi is a predominantly Sunni Muslim city where anti-American sentiments are high and U.S. troops and bases in the region come under almost daily attacks.

Also Tuesday, the military said three American soldiers were killed and eight others wounded in separate attacks in Iraq in the past 24 hours.

Two American soldiers were killed and three others wounded when they came under attack from an improvised explosive device and small arms fire in Baghdad on Monday at around 4:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, one Task Force Olympia soldier was killed and five were injured when their patrol was attacked with small arms fire in the northeastern city of Mosul.

The attacks in Baghdad and Baqouba were the latest attempts by insurgents to disrupt U.S.-backed efforts to build a strong Iraqi police force capable of taking over security in many towns and cities ahead of nationwide elections slated for January.

An al-Qaida-linked group headed by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed re-



A woman breaks down near the site of a massive explosion that killed at 47 people outside a Baghdad police station. The attack was insurgents' latest attempt to disrupt U.S.-backed efforts to build a strong Iraqi police force capable of taking over security in many cities ahead of nationwide elections slated for January.

sponsibility for the car bomb, which exploded by a bustling row of shops and cafes and left a gaping 10-foot crater.

The blast devastated buildings and gutted cars near the western Baghdad police headquarters on Haifa Street, an insurgent enclave that has been the scene of fierce clashes with U.S. troops. Though the attack apparently targeted police, many of the 47 dead were people shopping or having a morning meal.

Paramedics and residents picked up scattered body parts and put them into boxes. Anguished men lifted bodies burned beyond recognition and lay them gently on stretchers. Helicopters circled.

The bomb was inside a Toyota vehicle parked near the market and a short distance down the road from the police headquarters, which was closed to traffic, said Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdel-Rahman.

Mahdi Mohammed, 30, was standing outside his barber shop when the explosion occurred.

"It was a horrific scene. Sec-

onds earlier people were drinking tea or eating sandwiches and then I could see their remains hanging from trees," he said. "I could see burning people running in all directions."

Falafel vendor Alaa Khamas said he saw a man who had just bought a falafel from him killed by a flying car wheel.

"This is a crime committed against innocent people who needed to find work to feed their hungry children," he said.

Angry crowds of young men pumped their fists in the air and denounced President Bush and interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, saying they had failed to protect Iraqis.

Others, however, directed their anger at the militants.

"Such acts cannot be considered part of the resistance (against American forces). This is not a jihad, they are not mujahideen," said Amir Abdel Hassan, a 41-year-old teacher. "Iraq is not a country, it's a big graveyard."

Al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on an Islamic Web site.

In Baqouba, gunmen in two cars opened fire Tuesday on a van carrying policemen home from work, killing 11 officers and a civilian, said Qasir Hamid of Baqouba General Hospital.

The attack occurred as the policemen were returning to their station after being told that a trip to a training camp was postponed, an officer said on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. military said the policemen were members of the Criminals Investigation Divisions, which investigates internal crimes in the police.

It was at least the second recent attack on Baqouba security forces. On July 28, a car bomb exploded outside a police recruiting center in the eastern, Sunni-dominated city, killing at least 68 people.

Attacks on Iraqi security forces and police officers — seen as collaborators by militants — have killed hundreds of people since insurgents began a 17-month campaign to expel U.S.-led forces and destabilize Allawi's government.

From April 2003 to May 2004, 710 Iraqi police were killed out of a total force of 130,000 officers, authorities said.

Wounded toll rises

WASHINGTON — More than 200 U.S. troops were wounded in Iraq in the past week, the Pentagon said Tuesday, and the toll since the invasion was launched in March 2003 is now 7,245.

Of the 219 wounded in the past week, 81 were returned to duty, the 138 others were not.

The number of Americans killed and wounded has grown rapidly amid an intensifying and increasingly effective insurgency. There were more wounded over the past five months — about 4,000 — than in the first 13 months of the war, when there were about 3,300, according to Pentagon reports.

The number of Americans killed as of Tuesday was 1,018, by the Pentagon's count. That includes three civilian employees of the Department of Defense. It does not include Army Spc. Keith M. Maupin, 20, of Batavia, Ohio, who was captured April 9. His fate has not been officially resolved.

Powell: Likely no WMD

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is apparently ready to abandon a major reason it gave the world for going to war with Iraq: Saddam Hussein's purported storehouses of chemical and biological weapons. The administration said it was prepared to use against the United States.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who made the claim in a dramatic prewar presentation to a skeptical United Nations in 2003, virtually withdrew it Monday during testimony before the Senate Government Affairs Committee.

"There was every reason to believe there were stockpiles," Powell said. "There was a question about the size of stockpiles, but we all believed there were stockpiles."

Powell said in response to questions from Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, "it turned out that we have not found any stockpiles." Moreover, Powell said, "I think it is unlikely that we will find any stockpiles."

Powell did not elaborate on what he may have thought went wrong.

Iraqi's NATO visit

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Iraq's interim President Ghazi al-Yawer on Tuesday urged NATO and the European Union to help stop the continuing violence in his country and give expertise in rebuilding his country.

"I found a very understanding gathering," al-Yawer said after meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and the alliance's 26 ambassadors.

NATO is debating plans to expand its program to help train Iraq's military. It is expected to decide Wednesday on how it will enlarge the mission launched last month with about 40 NATO soldiers involved in training Iraqi officers in Baghdad.

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BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFIAN, Kuwait — Lights, camera, Arifian.

More than 500 members of the military crowded a Camp Arifian warehouse for ESPN's first live "SportsCenter" broadcast from Kuwait, cheering their favorite or jarring their least-favorite teams during the hour-long sports news program Tuesday.

Opening the show was Army Staff Sgt. Teddy Barlow, who held roll call for the assembled units before turning the formation over to "SportsCenter" anchors Steve Levy and Kenny Mayne.

Levy and Mayne covered the weekend's sporting events in their casual, rapid-fire manner, while seated in front of the packed house of desert camouflage-clad soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

During commercial breaks, anchors and audience traded barbs and jokes.

"I thought they were awesome," Levy said of the spectators after the show. "This is something I'll never forget."

It's also something that the gathered crowd will remember.

"I got my chance to get on camera and be crazy," said Spc. Noah Brown of the 85th Engineer Bat-

talion, "and give a 'shoot out' to the family back home."

During the broadcast, troops held up signs and flags to a handful of cameras in the audience. Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Gawlick held up a sign for his daughter, Nicole, who turned 11 on Tuesday.

Late in the show, the soldiers and one airman took to the stage to introduce the top 10 plays of the day, which included everything from spectacular baseball catches to surfing dunks, which came in at No. 3.

In addition to professional sports — or, in the surfing dogs' case, not-so-professional sports —

"SportsCenter" ran highlights from a Camp Doha, Kuwait, flag football game.

The chance to be on television drew sports fans and non-sports fans alike.

"It was a great experience," said Staff Sgt. Juan Buenrostro of the Fort Riley, Kan.-based Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment. "It's a good break and a huge morale booster."

Buenrostro and fellow battery members Sgt. Thomas Reust and Spc. Jared Kiser all agreed that this was a highlight of their return trip home after a year in Iraq.

Sgt. Ann Dooley of the 80th Ord-

nance Battalion sat on the front row of Arifian cars that served as audience seating. She said she isn't a sports fan, but wanted to attend anyway.

"This is the first time I've experienced something like this," she said. "I'm impressed. It's neat."

Broadcasting for the military in Kuwait was also neat for Mayne. "We've done stories with the military," he said, "but obviously nothing like this. You sort of feel pressure not to screw it up for them."

"SportsCenter" will do live broadcasts from Kuwait daily through Saturday.

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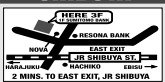
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IN THE WORLD

Report questions S. Korea's past nuclear activities

BY BARBARA DEMICK
AND SONYA YEE
Los Angeles Times

VIENNA, Austria — The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said Monday he was "seriously concerned" about covert nuclear experiments conducted by South Korean scientists dating back to the 1980s and promised to investigate further.

Mohammed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, described a pattern of repeated violations by South Korea over the years.

Others familiar with the U.N. agency investigation said that South Korean researchers tried to block inspections and cover up the evidence of nuclear experiments before finally admitting them this year.

Among the most damaging charges in

ElBaradei's report was that South Korea had three undeclared nuclear facilities, one of which was used in the 1980s to produce more than 330 pounds of uranium.

South Korea has admitted that scientists enriched a small amount of that uranium in 2000.

The agency discovered traces of plutonium at a shuttered laboratory in the outskirts of Seoul, the capital. The material apparently was produced in unauthorized experiments in 1982.

Under its nonproliferation commitments, South Korea is not allowed to make plutonium or enriched uranium, fuels for nuclear bombs.

South Korean officials maintain all these experiments were done on a laboratory scale by a handful of scientists without approval from the government.

"Some people can make mistakes and

in this case, some scientists, very ambitious in terms of... their scientific inquisitiveness in certain of the aspects of nuclear materials, went a little bit further without any authorization of the government," said Cho Chang Beom, South Korean ambassador to the U.N. nuclear agency.

Although South Korea's infractions appear to be relatively minor, the diplomatic fallout could be enormous.

Nuclear-related activities by a close U.S. ally could undermine the Bush administration's efforts to rein in programs in South Korea and Iran.

And South Korea's actions could set a dangerous precedent for other countries that might question their commitment to nonproliferation. "South Korea didn't have a full-fledged weapons program, but clearly they wanted to hedge their bets," said Daniel Pinkston, a nuclear expert

and visiting professor at Korea University in Seoul.

"As the world becomes more unstable, one wonders if other states as well will do the same, fearing they don't want to be the one country caught without a nuclear deterrent."

Until the 1970s, South Korea was engaged in a full-fledged effort to become a nuclear power — and was even on the verge of acquiring a reprocessing plant from France to produce plutonium.

But under pressure from the United States, it abandoned that effort and agreed not to produce any nuclear fuel even for its civilian nuclear program.

At Monday's meeting, ElBaradei said that the South Korean government was cooperating fully with the investigation, which is expected to be completed in November. He declined to say whether the agency would refer the case to the U.N. Security Council.

IAEA chief: More time may be needed in Iran nuclear investigation

BY ANDREA DUDIKOVA
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Tuesday that he could not guarantee his investigation of Iran's suspected nuclear activities will be finished by the November deadline sought by the United States and its European allies.

Mohamed ElBaradei, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency, also repeated that his investigation has not been fully established whether Iran is trying to make nuclear arms — as Washington asserts.

"We haven't seen any concrete proof that there is a weapons program," he told reporters on the second day of a key meeting of the agency's board. "Can we say everything is peaceful? Obviously

we are not at that stage."

The meeting has become the main battleground between Iran and the United States, which wants to take Iran before the U.N. Security Council for alleged violations of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Diplomats attending the meeting said the United States was circulating a toughened IAEA draft resolution Tuesday. They said Washington's changes aimed to reduce Iran's room to maneuver in trying to dispel suspicions about its nuclear activities.

The draft, summarized by a European diplomat for The Associated Press, demands "complete, immediate and unrestricted access" to all sites and information requested by the agency in its investigation of Iran's clandestine nuclear activities — revealed only two years ago.

It also demands a complete list of nuclear materials and know-how imported by Iran, along with the black market suppliers and "immediate suspension" of all uranium reprocessing and activities related to uranium enrichment.

Experts believe Iran can make weapons



SOURCES: Nuclear Threat Initiative; AP reports

Seoul looking further into N. Korea blast

The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korean officials said Tuesday they were trying to verify North Korea's claim that a huge explosion last week was caused by the demolition of a main dam for a hydroelectric project.

The blast, which reportedly produced a mushroom cloud two miles across Thursday, had raised concerns that North Korea might have staged a test explosion of a nuclear bomb. But experts from the United States and elsewhere said no evidence of an atomic blast had been detected.

Defense Minister Yoon Kwang-woon said South Korea's government hoped to obtain satellite pictures of the explosion site soon.

Yoon said it was too early to accept North Korea's explanation, but he also said it was highly unlikely the North would have conducted a nuclear test near its border with ally China.

In Beijing, a British envoy said Britain's ambassador to North Korea hoped to visit the site by Wednesday at the North Korean government's invitation.

Russia adding security funding

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia announced Tuesday it was pouring \$5.4 billion in additional funding into its security agencies, the first concrete new step in the anti-terrorism battle that President Vladimir Putin has called the country's No. 1 priority.

"The fight against terrorism requires a long-range perspective," Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin said in announcing the funding, ITAR-Tass news agency said a day later. Putin proposed a major extension of Kremlin control over Russia's political and security structures.

Russia's main security agencies — the Federal Security Service, Interior Ministry and Foreign Intelligence Service — will split an additional \$1.7 billion in funding. The Defense Ministry will receive an additional \$3.6 billion, Kudrin said.

It was not clear, however, whether the government was earmarking new funds or Kudrin was highlighting increases that had already taken place in the draft 2005 budget — in an effort to prove to skeptical Russians that the authorities were taking action against terrorism.

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Thousands flee as Ivan enters Gulf of Mexico

The Associated Press

PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba — After slamming western Cuba with 160 mph winds, Hurricane Ivan hardly slowed as it moved into the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, threatening offshore oil rigs and setting off an exodus along the U.S. coast.

One of the fiercest storms ever recorded in the region, Ivan cut a deadly swath through Grenada, Ja-

maica and the Cayman Islands, killing at least 68 people.

In Mexico, hundreds of people abandoned fishing settlements on the Yucatan peninsula and the resort city of Cancun opened shelters and closed beaches. Cozumel island, a dive resort known for its lumbering sea turtles, shut its airport and halted cruise ship arrivals.

Forecasters said Ivan's bands of

winds and rain may begin coming ashore in the United States as early as Wednesday. It was not known, however, which location would take the storm's hardest hit.

Ivan gave Cuba a taste of its monstrous power Monday evening, with the wall of the storm's eye brushing over the island's sparsely populated western tip — the heartland of Cuba's famed cigar industry.

Meanwhile, apprehensive coastal residents from Florida's Panhandle to Louisiana started boarding up windows, packing and hitting the road as powerful Hurricane Ivan headed for the Gulf Coast after plowing across Cuba.

A hurricane watch was posted for a 420-mile-long swath from St. Marks in the Florida Panhandle, south of Tallahassee, to New

Orleans and Morgan City, La.

Five Florida counties urged or ordered residents to leave Tuesday, and authorities in Louisiana's St. Charles Parish, located just outside of New Orleans and split by the Mississippi River, called Tuesday for a mandatory evacuation of the parish's 49,000 residents. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin suggested residents "seek higher ground."

Smoky mountain



Mount Asama, 90 miles west of Tokyo, is silhouetted with smoke billowing from its crater Tuesday. The mountain, one of Japan's largest and most active volcanoes, erupted three times Tuesday, spewing smoke about 1,000 feet into the sky and raining ash onto nearby towns, the Meteorological Agency said. There were no damages or injuries reported as a result of the small eruptions.

Japan executes man for fatal stabbing of schoolchildren in '01

By AUDREY MCAVOY

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan executed a man Tuesday for killing eight children in a 2001 knifing rampage that shocked the nation and forced tightened security at schools, news reports said.

Manoru Takuma, who had a history of mental illness, was found guilty of barging through several classrooms in Osaka in western Japan and wildly slashing at children and teachers.

Kyodo News service and national broadcaster NHK reported Takuma's execution along with the hanging of a second inmate, convicted murderer Suet Shimazaki.

The Justice Ministry would only confirm that two prisoners had been hanged and refused to identify them. Names of executed criminals are not released in Japan, nor are executions announced beforehand.

In the June 8, 2001, attack, Takuma killed seven girls and one boy, ages 6 to 8, at Ikeda elementary school in a suburb of Osaka, about 250 miles west of Tokyo. Another

13 students and two teachers were wounded.

It was Japan's worst mass killing since a deadly nerve gas attack killed 12 people on Tokyo's subways in 1995 and was part of a series of fatal slashings in a country that has strict gun laws and had prided itself on a low crime rate.

Ikeda's mayor said he hoped the execution would ease the pain of the victims and their families.

"I hope it is of at least a little comfort that the perpetrator of this incident has been punished under the law and no longer exists on this earth," Kaoru Kurata said in a statement. "I pray that Takuma apologizes to the eight angels in heaven now that he has paid for his crime in this world."

News reports at the time of the killing said Takuma launched his killing spree just hours before he was to be interrogated about a fight a year before in a hotel in Osaka.

After the killings, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi promised a review of Japan's penal system. School boards nationwide convened to look into strengthening security measures.

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IN THE STATES

Goss vows fairness as CIA director

Partisanship a concern at confirmation hearing

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's nominee to be CIA director promised Tuesday to provide Congress and the president with independent, objective intelligence but said it may take longer than previously estimated to have all the needed undercover operatives in place.

"I have made a commitment to nonpartisanship," retiring Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., told the Senate Intelligence Committee. He conceded that during his 16 years in Congress he may — "at times" — have engaged in debate with too much vigor.

"Rest assured, however, I understand completely the difference in obligations the position of [director of central intelligence] carries with it and that which the role of a congressman carries," said Goss, who formerly chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

The CIA's last director, George Tenet, earlier this year told the Sept. 11 commission that it would take five years to have in place the kind of clandestine service needed to deal with international terrorism and other threats.

Goss said Tuesday that it would take longer to hire train and place all the operatives that are needed. The good news, he said, is that some would be ready soon. But "it is a long build-out."

Goss also backed away from a controversial provision he included in an intelligence reform bill in June, which would have loosened restrictions on the agency's ability to operate inside the United States.

He said he was trying to start a debate then on an important issue — the blurring of the lines between foreign and domestic intelligence. As the CIA's director, he said he'd come to policymakers for guidance on intelligence and law enforcement capabilities.



Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., left, flanked by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., foreground, and Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., prepares to testify Tuesday on Capitol Hill before the Senate Intelligence Committee's confirmation hearing.

Goss' political past came up at the outset of his confirmation hearing Tuesday. The Senate panel's senior Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, questioned whether Goss displayed a willingness to use intelligence issues as "a political broadsword" against Democratic lawmakers.

"Having reviewed your record closely, I have a number of concerns about whether your past partisan actions and statements will allow you to be the type of nonpartisan, independent and objective national intelligence adviser our country needs," Rockefeller said.

In his testimony, Goss outlined a series of commonly cited priorities for the U.S. intelligence community. They included improving human intelligence and analytic capabilities, expanding intelligence sharing with state and local law enforcement agencies and enhancing foreign language capabilities at the CIA.

While Goss has vocal critics in the Senate, no one so far has said that they will vote against him, and congressional aides say they expect Goss will win approval. Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has indicated he wants the Senate to vote on the nomination as soon as next week.

Booby-trapped letters mailed to 2 more governors

Rigged envelopes intercepted by postal workers in W.Va., Va.

By BOB LEWIS
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Letters bound for governors' offices and rigged to ignite when opened were intercepted in Virginia and West Virginia, bringing to 18 the number of governors who have received similar letters in the past week.

The latest letters never explicitly threatened Gov. Mark R. Warner of Virginia or Gov. Bob Wise of West Virginia, and neither letter ignited Monday. Both bore a return address from Nevada's maximum-security Elko State Prison.

Authorities said they were interviewing inmates at the prison.

The letters — which have targeted 12 Republican governors and six Democrats — listed one or the other of two Elko inmates as the sender, but authorities are not sure if either prisoner was involved. Glen Whorton, assistant director for the Nevada Corrections Department, said last week.

"We're not assuming the names on the envelopes are simply the end of the matter," he said. "Investigators are not just taking to the two inmates."

It does not appear that any of the letters contained any writings, only a blank sheet with a match or match head rigged to ignite when the paper was opened. At least three of the letters opened last week caught fire, but no one has been injured.

Letters were sent to governors' offices last week in Alaska, Nevada, Montana, Hawaii, Nebraska, Colorado, New York, Texas, Massachusetts, Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Arizona. In addition to the governors, Nevada's corrections director received a booby-trapped letter.

Robert A. Fisher, a U.S. postal inspector based in Richmond, said the letters are in standard, white business envelopes. The letters bore Las Vegas postmarks and were hand-stamped. Sending a letter intended to do harm to its recipient is a federal felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison, Fisher said.

The letter addressed to the Executive Chambers in Virginia's capitol was spotted by a letter carrier who delivers mail to Warner's third-floor office suites. It was turned over to the FBI for analysis, said Capt. Mike Jones of the Virginia Capitol Police.

All mail bound for Virginia's executive chambers is given the thumbs-up of the state Capitol is routed through an offsite receiving facility to protect the governor and his staff. "We've done it for many years, for no reason," said Bill Leighty, Warner's chief of staff.

The letter to Wise, addressed to "WVA Governor," made it to his office in the Capitol before it was intercepted. It was flagged by a worker in his office who recognized the return address.

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WASHINGTON — Postmaster General John E. Potter renewed his promise Tuesday that the price of mailing a letter won't go up until 2006.

Potter said the agency has saved \$8.3 billion in spending over the last three years and expects another \$1 billion in cost cuts in 2005.

Chief Financial Officer Richard J. Strasser told the postal board of governors meeting in Boston that the result is expected to be a balanced \$68 billion budget for the agency in 2005, despite declines in the volume of first-class mail and continuing high fuel costs. Forecasts of mail volume point to a 2.1 billion piece decline in first-class mail in the coming fiscal year, which starts October 1, while standard mail is expected to grow by nearly 3.8 billion pieces.

Fleeing man drops baby from car

GREEN BAY, Wis. — A man dropped his fiancée's 8-month-old daughter out of a car as he fled police after being accused of domestic violence, authorities said. The girl, strapped in a carseat, was unhurt but the man later was fatally injured in a crash.

Dana Bettin, 23, died Sunday, three days after the dramatic highway chase that ended when he crashed his fiancée's car into an unoccupied squad car. At one point, he slowed down, opened the car door and dropped the baby in the car seat onto the highway, sending it tumbling toward the middle of the roadway.

"As the baby was flying toward me, I noticed that she was moving very hard and looked scared," Wisconsin State Patrol Sgt. David Catalano said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, which aired video of the incident.

Antidepressants linked to suicidal kids

WASHINGTON — Independent experts came to the same conclusion as Food and Drug Administration scientists: There is a definite link between antidepressants and the worsening suicidal fixations of children taking the drugs.

The latest analysis forms the heart of data FDA advisers were considering Tuesday during a second day of hearings on antidepressants. Even Prozac — shown in earlier studies to be the most benign antidepressant for youth — increases the odds of suicidal thoughts and actions.

On average, antidepressants taken by kids will cause an extra 2 percent to 3 percent to have increased suicidal thoughts, the independent experts, working with Columbia University, found.

Sony Corp. set to purchase MGM

LOS ANGELES — Sony Corp. is a step closer to acquiring famed Hollywood studio Metro-Gwyn-Mayer Inc. in a \$3 billion deal that would give it a considerable library of more than 4,100 titles.

The sale would mark the third time billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian has sold MGM, once of Hollywood's most storied names and once best known for its musical hits like "Singing in the Rain" and "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Under the proposed deal announced Monday, Sony has agreed to pay \$12 per share for MGM, or about \$294 billion cash, and assume about \$1.9 billion in MGM debt. MGM said its management will recommend the "proposed merger" to its board by Sept. 27.

From The Associated Press

CBS expert says he didn't authenticate memo

BY MICHAEL DOBBS
AND HOWARD KURTZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The lead expert retained by CBS News to examine disputed memos from President Bush's former squadron commander in the National Guard said Monday that he examined only the late officer's signature and made no attempt to authenticate the documents themselves.

"There's no way that I, as a document expert, can authenticate them," Marcel Matley said in a

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telephone interview from San Francisco. The main reason, he said, is that they are "copies" that are "far removed" from the originals.

Matley's comments came amid growing evidence challenging the authenticity of the documents aired last Wednesday on CBS' "60 Minutes."

The program was part of an investigation asserting that Bush benefited from political favoritism in getting out of commitments to the Texas Air National Guard. On Monday night's "CBS Evening News," Rather said again that the network "believes the documents are authentic."

A detailed comparison by The Washington Post of memos obtained by CBS News with authenticated documents on Bush's National Guard service reveals dozens of inconsistencies, ranging from conflicting military terminology to dif-

ferent word-processing techniques.

The analysis shows that half a dozen Killian memos released earlier by the military were written with a standard typewriter using different formatting techniques from those characteristic of computer-generated documents. CBS' Killian memos bear numerous signs that are more consistent with modern-day word-processing programs, particularly Microsoft Word.

"I am personally 100 percent sure that they are fake," said Jo-

seph M. Newcomer, author of several books on Windows programming, who worked on electronic typesetting techniques in the early 1970s.

Newcomer said he had produced virtually exact replicas of the CBS documents using Microsoft Word formatting and the Times New Roman font.

Citing confidentiality issues, CBS News has declined to reveal the source of the disputed documents — which have been in the network's possession for more than a month — or to explain how they came to light after more than three decades.

Bush says he's proud of Guard service; Kerry focuses on elderly health care

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — President Bush, his Vietnam-era military service disputed, said Tuesday he is proud of his stint in the Air National Guard and told members strained by today's wars that he is trying to make their lives easier.

"Nineteen individuals have served both in the National Guard and as president of the United States, and I am proud to be one of them," Bush said at the National Guard Association of the United States conference.

Members of the Guard are fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, and helping recovery efforts after Florida hurricanes, Bush said. "I am proud to be their commander in chief, and I respect and honor all of those who serve in the United

States Armed Forces — active, Guard and Reserve."

Bush did not mention the election-year tempest over unexplained gaps in his service in the Guard. The Democratic National Committee sought to fuel the controversy by releasing a nearly three-minute video accusing Bush of using family connections to get into the Guard and out of the Vietnam War.

Meanwhile, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry promised a group of senior citizens Tuesday that he would ease the financial pinch caused by the escalating price of doctors, hospitals and medicine as it outpaces increases in Social Security benefits.

"Seniors are finding things more and more out of reach as the ex-

penses go up but their ability to meet it does not go up," Kerry said. President Bush worsened the squeeze on older voters, Kerry said, by crafting a Medicare prescription drug benefit that won't lower drug costs, helping drive up premiums for Medicare.

"George Bush has had four years to lead, four years to give America a direction, four years to bring corporate America to the table, and the health-care industry, and say we've got a problem," he said.

Kerry pointed to Health and Human Services Department data obtained by a congressional office that projects Medicare will consume 37 percent of the average Social Security benefit in 2006. Last year, the department projected Medicare would consume 17 percent of the average benefit in 2010.

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N. Korea issue surfacing in election politics

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a presidential race dominated by national security, what some see as the world's biggest nuclear danger — North Korea — is only now emerging as a hot political topic.

It's a difficult subject for Republicans and Democrats alike.

North Korea doesn't dominate the news the way Iraq does, making it an unlikely issue for winning votes. Moreover, both parties are vulnerable to criticism on their handling of the North Korean threat.

President Bush has said that he will not tolerate nuclear weapons in North Korea. Yet North Korea, long believed to have possessed one or two nuclear weapons, has restarted its weapons program and soon could have several more, if it doesn't have them already. Multinational negotiations appear to have produced little.

Republicans argue actions of the Clinton administration led to the current standoff. They say a 1994 agreement for North Korea to freeze its nuclear program in



President Bush

exchange for food and energy assistance lacked safeguards to prevent cheating. That allowed North Korea to develop a secret uranium-based weapons program, they say, even while the older plutonium program was stopped as promised.

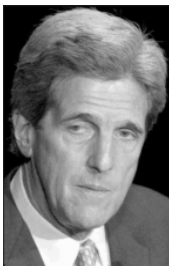
Although North Korea hasn't



Kim Jong Il

been at the forefront for most of his campaign, Democratic nominee John Kerry repeatedly has accused Bush of being so fixated on Iraq that he ignored the danger posed by the Kim Jong Il's government in Korea.

Kerry stepped up the criticisms after an explosion Thursday that



Sen. John Kerry

raised fears North Korea had conducted a nuclear test. The North Koreans say the explosion was the result of the demolition of a mountain for a hydroelectric project. U.S. officials say they do not believe it was a nuclear blast, accidental or otherwise.

"The mere fact that we are

even contemplating a nuclear weapons test by North Korea highlights a massive national security failure by President Bush," Kerry said Sunday.

In a telephone call to The New York Times, Kerry accused the administration of letting "a nuclear nightmare" develop in North Korea.

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan accused Kerry of wanting to return to "the failed Clinton administration policy" on North Korea.

"That failed policy let North Korea dupe the United States. It would be the wrong approach to go down that road again," he said Monday aboard Air Force One en route to a Bush campaign stop.

North Korea is a rigid dictatorship, frequently accused of human rights abuses, and is on the State Department's list of nations that sponsor international terror. Bush included it as part of his "axis of evil" with Saddam Hussein's Iraq and Iran, which also is suspected of developing nuclear weapons.

Colleges not doing their part to register voters, study says

BY EMMA SCHWARTZ
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — More than one-third of colleges and universities do not comply with a federal law requiring that they help students register to vote, a Harvard University study released Monday said.

Young people have been maligned for turning out on Election Day in small numbers ever since the voting age dropped to 18 in 1972, but the study suggested that they face more barriers to registration than just apathy.

"Colleges and universities, whose mission it is to educate young people, could do much better," said Leslie Pope, a Harvard student who helped with the survey. Potential new voters "should have more resources than ... Google."

The 1998 Higher Education Act mandated that federally funded colleges and universities make at least a minimum effort to help students register to vote — a sort of last chance to encourage civic participation among young people.

The study, sponsored by Harvard's Institute of Politics and the Chronicle of Higher Education, found that only 17 percent of the schools surveyed were in complete compliance by requesting voter

forms at least 120 days prior to the registration deadline.

David King, director of research at the Institute of Politics, said those figures probably overstate the efforts on college campuses, because some universities that did not comply with the law may have chosen not to participate in the survey.

In a presidential election where a few hundred thousand people could swing the vote in battleground states, the study's findings are particularly significant. In Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ohio, for instance, students represent more than 1 percent of the voting population, according to the non-partisan policy organization 180US, a Washington-based group that advocates youth participation.

Although registration does not always translate into votes, King said, "If they are mobilized in those three states, they can play a significant role in this election."

In 2000, 36.1 percent of citizens between the ages of 18 and 24 voted in the presidential election, one of the lowest turnout rates among the various age groups.

The study surveyed 815 college and university presidents across the country in August, 2004 of whom responded.

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Marble headstones in high demand as vets' deaths mount

BY ELIZABETH MEHREN
Los Angeles Times

BARRE, Vt. — In a cavernous factory in central Vermont, it fell to Ben Smith to render the final honor for Michael Yuri Tarlavsky.

The Army captain's father and grandfather had been soldiers in Russia, and Tarlavsky continued the tradition by enlisting straight out of college. He had risen to the rank of captain in the Special Forces, fought in Afghanistan and was on his second tour in Iraq last month when his unit came under fire in Najaf. Three hours before the attack, he had instant-messaged his sister to say he was in safe territory: "Tell Father, tell everybody, I am all right."

But all Smith knew as he sandblasted the inscription onto a 232-pound slab of white Vermont marble was that Tarlavsky was 30 years old when he died Aug. 12. "That's awful young," said Smith, 29, a buzzer and finisher at Granite Industries of Vermont. "We see the names of guys who have fought in World War II, Korea, Vietnam. But guys like this, they're fighting right now and dying right now."

As part of a \$3 million contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Granite Industries will produce about 20,000 upright marble headstones this year for government cemeteries. Most memorialize veterans of World War II, who are dying at a rate of about 1,100 a day.

But with the U.S. casualty count in Iraq recently passing 1,000, the weekly headstone orders at Granite Industries lately have included a half-dozen or so for men and women killed there. Workers on the "government line" never know how a soldier died. They just know that every U.S. veteran deserves the dignity of a proper headstone.

Wearing goggles, gloves and custom earplugs, Smith and his co-workers produce at least 400 veterans' markers each week. They inspect them for flaws, pack

them into cardboard boxes and ship them off by flatbed truck to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia and other government burial grounds.

Along with firms in Georgia and Mississippi, Granite Industries is one of three companies nationwide that manufacture about 63,000 white marble grave markers for members of the armed services. According to the National Cemetery Administration, a government agency, about 1,800 U.S. veterans die each day.

Some veterans cemeteries permit granite headstones, also provided by the government. Others use markers that lie at ground level. But each year, about 60,000 veterans are buried in cemeteries that allow only white marble headstones.

Granite Industries produces all the marble markers for Bronze Star and Purple Heart winners. Veterans' headstones represent about one-third of the company's \$10 million annual sales. The 107-year-old company gets the 20- to 40-ton slabs of marble for its headstones from a quarry that lies 920 feet underground and 1¼ miles into a mountain. Inside the factory, a row of power saws operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, methodically using blades 10 to 12 feet in diameter to slice the marble into 4-inch-thick slabs.

When fully shaped, the grave-stones will measure 18 inches wide by 4 inches thick by 42 inches high. The bottom 18 inches will sit in the ground. The top will be gently curved.

The stones are lifted 12 at a time by radio-controlled cranes that dangle from the 28-foot ceilings. The stacks are moved across the 57,000-square-foot building to a machine that, in 45 seconds, grinds the oval tops.

Government policies that allow a free headstone to the family of a deceased veteran also provide for a small degree of personalization on the grave markers — names of grandchildren, a Bible passage, a paean to a hobby.



Winnemem Wintu tribal chief Caleen Sisk-Franco prepares dancers Sunday for a war dance at Shasta Dam, in Shasta Lake, Calif. A plan to raise the height of the dam would destroy several sites sacred to the tribe.

Calif. tribe fights dam project that would flood sacred sites

BY BRIAN MELLEY
The Associated Press

SHASTA LAKE, Calif. — As darkness fell across the crescent-shaped Shasta Dam, eight barefoot Wintu warriors armed with bows began the tribe's first war dance since 1887.

Members of the tiny American Indian tribe began the four-day protest Sunday night to stop a potential expansion of the Shasta Dam, which would destroy 13 sacred sites that had survived its original construction.

"The war dance itself is a message... to the world that we can't stand to put up with this again," said Caleen Sisk-Franco, the chief, who says she received the protest vision from the spirits of ancestors. "We've already lost too many sacred sites to the lake. To lose more is like cutting the legs off all the tribal members."

For more than 20 years, there's been talk of raising the 602-foot-high dam that holds back three rivers, including the Sacramento, the state's biggest. Multinational studies are under way over the possibility of raising it as little as 6½ feet and as much as 200 feet, and the Winnemem feel an imminent threat to their way of life.

Three-quarters of the state's rain falls north of Sacramento, and Shasta Lake, with its 370-mile shore, is the largest catch basin. Electricity is produced as waters spill toward the Sacramento River, the water conduit for 22 million people and thousands of farms, said Jeff McCracken of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The bureau operates Shasta Dam, located about 110 miles south of the Oregon border.

But as the state grows by 5 million people each de-

cade and copes with water shortages, officials said they need more water. Of the potential choices, McCracken said, expanding Shasta is one of the most promising.

The Winnemem Wintu population has dwindled to 125 members due to a combination of disease, disputes and departures by members who have abandoned the culture. The tribe last held a war dance in 1887 to protest a McCloud River hatchery that captured the salmon it relied on for its way of life.

About 60 years ago, the tribe relocated the graves of 183 ancestors and abandoned many sacred sites as Shasta Lake swallowed its villages and ancient cemeteries. The tribe said it was promised land elsewhere in exchange, but the only plots received were in a cemetery below the dam.

Sisk-Franco has likened the dam expansion to flooding the Vatican. Her tribe is one of hundreds nationwide that are not officially recognized, which limits its clout while negotiating with the government.

If the dam is raised, the tribe said it will forever lose Puberty Rock, where ceremonies are held for girls coming of age.

Children's Rock, where young ones seek blessings and the gift of talents, would also disappear. One hundred fifty years ago settlers killed 42 tribe members in what is known as the massacre at Kaihai Creek, and the site also would be washed away.

"When those places get threatened or occupied or expropriated or somehow taken from them, that calls for preparation for conflict," said Les Field, a University of New Mexico anthropologist.

Chanting and letting out cries, each warrior held out a bow and arrows in their left hand, the only obvious gesture of war as they danced around the blazing fire — with the dimly lit dam in the distance.

Oceanographers to get old Navy sub

BY ELIZABETH M.
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SEATTLE — A Navy surveillance ship that once listened for enemy submarines and hunted for drug traffickers was turned over to scientists Monday to begin a new mission of exploring the world's deepest oceans.

Navy officials gave the USNS Canopus to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in a ceremony on Lake Union, making it the first vessel devoted solely to the agency's ocean-exploration branch.

The ship's new task will be to study the deep-ocean environment, from marine life and ocean dynamics to oil and natural gas reserves.

"This is not just fun stuff to do... It's an extremely important economic value to our country," said NOAA head Conrad Lautenbacher Jr.

The 15-year-old ship will stay in Seattle until it heads for a shipyard to be fitted with equipment to launch unmanned submarines, said Fred Gorell, a spokesman for NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration.

The Navy will spend about \$18 million to convert the ship for its fellow federal agency, saving roughly \$500,000 by giving it away in what the military calls a "hot transfer" — going from one mission to another without having to be fully shut down, Gorell said.

The Canopus arrived in Seattle on Friday after spending about two

years near the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, where it scanned the skies for aircraft as ships prepared for deployment.

NOAA officials hope it can be converted for scientific missions in two years. The agency has yet to decide where it will be based, Gorell said.

The 224-foot ship will be equipped with new sensors to scan and map the ocean floor, as well as onboard laboratories. It will also be engineered to transmit images and data so other scientists — even on NOAA's laboratories. It will also be able to watch research as it happens.

The Canopus is the seventh ship of its kind transferred from the Navy to NOAA. Other vessels have conducted hurricane research, marine mammal surveys and damage assessments after oil spills.

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Agency approves implants of lenses

BY DIETRA HENDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's a new option for people who suffer from extreme nearsightedness, whose world loses its crisp edge just a few inches from their noses. The first implantable lens for nearsightedness was approved Monday by the Food and Drug Administration.

A surgeon slips the lens through a small incision and implants it in front of the natural lens. Like a photographer swiveling a camera lens into focus, the tiny hard plastic lens works behind the scenes to help the eye create in-focus images.

An estimated 53 percent of Americans use contact lenses or eyeglasses to correct their vision.

The lens implant is designed to provide an alternative to glasses, contact lenses or Lasik surgery for people who have trouble seeing distant objects. Already in use in Europe, the lens is manufactured by Opticore USA Inc., of Boca Raton, Fla., under the trade name Artisan, which will be distributed by American Medical Optics under the Verisyse brand name.

The implanted lens "provides superior quality of vision, especially for individuals with high myopia," said Rick McCarthy, president and chief executive officer of Opticore USA.

The lens implant, which will cost \$3,000 to \$4,000 per eye, currently is targeted at patients who, for various reasons, can't get Lasik, which costs an average of \$1,785 per eye.

McCarthy said the lens implant typically is not covered by health insurance because it is an elective procedure. "However," he said, "we have had some cases ... where the patients' visual acuity, or their level of myopia, was so bad that some insurance companies did work with them because it allowed a person who previously could not work, it allowed them to work."

The implant was tested in people whose nearsightedness was moderate to severe. After three years, 92 percent of 662 patients had 20/40 or better vision, considered standard vision necessary to obtain a driver's license, and 44 percent had 20/20 or better, the FDA said, citing Opticore research.

Other warn, however, of the risk of patients developing cataracts or eye-destroying infections.

"Even though that is a very small risk ... that is significant," said Balrambali Ambati, an ophthalmologist and corneal specialist at the Medical College of Georgia. "Anytime the eye is opened, bacteria can get in."

The FDA is requiring the company to do a follow-up, five-year study of users of the lens to determine any side effects.

Uniform newborn disease testing urged

BY LAURAN NEEGAARD

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gracie Clay's mother says her child could still be alive had she been born in, say, Mississippi instead of Georgia. Which state you live in determines whether your newborn is tested for several dozen rare but devastating inherited diseases.

Many of these illnesses, such as the one that killed 19-month-old Gracie last February, can be treated easily if parents know in time. Testing requires a single drop of blood. But many states mandate newborn testing for only a fraction of the diseases.

Next week, a government advisory committee is expected to move to end the geographic disparity, as it debates whether every state should test every newborn for 30 genetic illnesses.

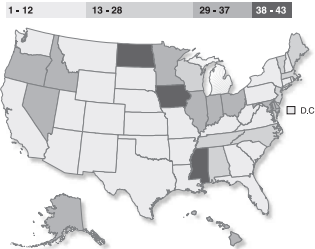
"We should not be having babies die because of not having a test that's relatively simple," said Dr. R. Rodney Howell, a University of Miami pediatrician who chairs the panel that advises Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

The influential March of Dimes, which has a seat on the advisory panel, isn't waiting. Last week it decided to increase its own newborn testing recommendations from nine diseases to 30, by the end of the year, it says, based on study from leading geneticists

Disease testing for newborns varies

Mandatory testing for genetic diseases in newborns varies greatly from state to state. Many inherited disorders are treatable if they are diagnosed correctly.

Number of disorders tested for, by state



SOURCE: National Newborn Screening and Genetics Resource Center

AP

that forms the crux of next week's debate.

Meanwhile, what's the advice for expectant parents? Check what tests your state requires now. If it's fewer than 30, "we do have to suggest that the family at

least consider a private screening lab," said Dr. Nancy Green, March of Dimes' medical director.

"The state you live in decides the fate of your child if you're not aware," says Molly Clay, Gracie's

mom, who encourages parents to seek supplemental testing.

Today, every U.S. baby is tested for two rare diseases that can cause retardation if untreated: hypothyroidism and the metabolic disease phenylketonuria, or PKU. Most also are tested for sickle cell anemia, a blood disease.

But new technology called tandem mass spectrometry can analyze a single drop of blood for more than 40 other serious, sometimes life-threatening, genetic diseases.

Many are metabolic disorders with such tongue-twisting names that they go by acronyms, such as the MCAD that killed Gracie.

MCAD means otherwise healthy babies lack enzymes that change stored fat into energy, meaning going more than a few hours without food can be fatal. Gracie, for example, had some middle-of-the-night vomiting that seemed like a routine stomach bug, but she died hours later in her sleep. Had anyone known she had MCAD, a quick glucose injection almost certainly would have saved her, Clay says.

Until the debate's settled, a national database — <http://genes-r-us.uthscsa.edu> — lists what tests states now require. For supplemental screening, that Web site also lists private labs, such as Baylor Medical Center or Pediatric Medical Group, that sell test kits for parents to bring to the hospital.

Seniors who gamble report better health

Findings when older Americans asked about betting habits, well-being surprise researchers

BY DIANE SCARPONI

The Associated Press

UNCAVILLE, Conn. — It's Friday at the Mohegan Sun casino, and most of the daytime gamblers are retirees, such as 73-year-old Mike Sanzo. He's checking out the day's races, while his wife hits the slots.

Sanzo says he gambles for fun and enjoys the friends he's made among other regulars at the casino since leaving his job installing signs for the state highway department.

"I'm retired, and it exercises my brain," he said.

He's an example of what a surprising Yale University study found — older recreational gamblers seem to be healthier than nongamblers.

The findings are not rock-solid. They're based only on telephone interviews, but the results are the opposite of what researchers expected. The survey showed that recreational gamblers 65 and older reported being in better health than their peers who don't gamble.

The older gamblers also reported less alcoholism, depression, bankruptcy and imprisonment than younger recreational gamblers, Yale epidemiologist Rami Desai said.

Desai cautioned that more study is needed to conclude that gambling can be a healthy venture, and those who help gambling addicts are skeptical.

But the social aspects of gambling may be an explanation for how the study turned out, Desai said. "It's not that gambling makes you healthy, it's that gamblers are healthier," Desai said.

Some psychologists question the findings.

"It may get them out, but the socialization isn't that much because they sit in front of machines, interacting with them," said psychologist Elizabeth Sterling of Santa Fe, N.M., who counsels gambling addicts. "I guess if you can keep it at a limit — spend \$20 and go once a week — there's no harm to it, but a benefit I can't see."

The survey of 2,400 people relied on the participants to report their gambling habits, health and other personal information. A survey firm called all the participants, and Yale researchers crunched the numbers. The findings were published in the September issue of the *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

The results could be because nongamblers might be too ill or disabled to leave the house, but there also are plenty of older people with health problems at the track and the blackjack tables.

Joe Haley, 71, of Colchester, uses an oxygen tank because he has a rare lung disease, but he still goes to Mohegan Sun about once a month for video poker and blackjack.

"My opinion is a lot of people



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Joseph Haley doesn't let the oxygen tank he uses because of a rare lung disease stop him from playing video poker Friday at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn.

are lonely ... They like to play a little and chit-chat with the person next to them," Haley said.

The study looked only at recreational gamblers and did not

study people who had gambling problems. Very few were found in the survey, Desai said, but the health and financial problems for addicts are well known.

FACES 'N' PLACES

Bacon film, 'Maria' are winners

The Deauville (France) Film Festival awarded its top prize on Sunday to "Maria Full of Grace," a documentary-like tale of the travails of a teenage drug runner from Colombia.

The wrenching feature debut from writer-director Joshua Marston tells the story of a pregnant 17-year-old who swallows rubber-wrapped heroin pellets to smuggle them by plane as a child mule.

Nicole Kassell's "The Woodsman," starring Kevin Bacon as a child molester trying to build a new life after 12 years in prison, won the festival's jury prize.

Behind the scenes at a newspaper

A film company has prepared a demo for a reality TV series that would take viewers behind the scenes of The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Blue Chip Films, based in Norwalk, Conn., is now trying to find a network to air "Deadline at The Philadelphia Inquirer."

"I always loved that movie, 'The Paper,' with Michael Keaton, and it occurred to me, why was that such a great idea as a feature film, but nobody's done anything on TV about it," Blue Chip president Nick Verbitsky said last week.

During the summer, Verbitsky's crew went out with city desk reporters on a day when three bodies were found in the city. He said he anticipates following reporters and photographers covering all types of news and sports events.

But until Blue Chip finds a buyer for the show, any talk of how the show might develop is premature, said Mary Flannery, the Inquirer's senior editor for newsroom initiatives.

German arts community struggling

Berlin Philharmonic chief conductor Simon Rattle lamented moves by the debt-laden capital of Germany to trim arts funding in an interview published Sunday. He described the result as "cultural dismantling."

Berlin is struggling to balance its cultural ambitions with a \$57 billion mountain of municipal debt. While the

Philharmonic functions as an independent foundation, the city has scaled back support for several other cultural institutions.

"The situation is catastrophic," Rattle told the weekly Der Spiegel. "I can see the hopeless situation of the city, this cultural dismantling is an incredible shame for Berlin."

A new twist to an old classic

Shooting for a remake of a great movie classic brought some Hollywood stars to the area and to the restored, 88-year-old train station in Madison, N.J.

The movie, tentatively titled "The Dinner Party," is based on the 1967 film, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," starring Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn and Sidney Poitier, about a white couple whose daughter brings a black boyfriend home to dinner.

Columbia Picture's remake reverses the racial roles and stars Ashton Kutcher, Bernie Mac and Zoe Saldana. Kutcher plays Saldana's white boyfriend, and Mac has taken on Tracy's old role — the father.

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Talk show host Oprah Winfrey sits atop a Pontiac G6 on Thursday outside her Chicago studios, surrounded by some of the 276 members of her audience who each received new cars. Winfrey said the audience members were chosen because their friends or loved ones had told the show about their need for a new car.

Oprah gives out 276 free autos

Gifts begin show's 19th season

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — In addition to advice, encouragement and inspiration, Oprah Winfrey had a special gift for every member of her audience — a \$28,000 car.

The syndicated talk show host handed out car keys to all 276 people in the audience who had come for the taping of the premiere of the 19th season of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"We're calling this our wildest dream season, because this year on the Oprah show, no dream is too wild, no surprise too impossible to pull off," Winfrey said on the show that was taped Thursday and aired Monday.

Making sure the audience was kept in suspense, Winfrey opened the show by calling 11 audience members onto the stage. She gave each of them a car — a Pontiac G6.

She then had gift boxes distributed to the rest of the audience and said one of the boxes contained keys to a twelfth car. But when the audience members opened the boxes, each had a set of keys.

"Everybody gets a car! Everybody gets a car!" Winfrey yelled as she jumped up and down on the stage.

The audience members screamed, cried and hugged each other — then followed Winfrey out to the parking lot of her

Harpo Studios to see their Pontiacs, all decorated with giant red bows.

One woman stepped up onto the frame of a driver's side door, put her head on the roof and hugged the vehicle.

The cars, which retail for \$28,400 fully loaded with options, were donated by Pontiac.

"A little idea grew into a big idea," Mary Henige of Pontiac told The Associated Press.

She added that Pontiac will pay for the taxes and the customizing of the cars.

Winfrey said the audience members were chosen because their friends or family had written to the show about their need for a new car. One woman's young son said she drove a car that "looks like she got into a gunfight"; another couple had almost 400,000 miles on their two vehicles.

In other segments on the show, Winfrey surprised a 20-year-old girl who had spent years in foster care and homeless shelters with a four-year college scholarship, a makeover and \$10,000 in clothes.

And a family with eight foster children who were going to be kicked out of the house they were renting were given \$130,000 to buy and repair the home.

"The Oprah Winfrey Show," which debuted in 1986, is syndicated to 212 domestic markets and 109 countries.

Luxury RV owners park in style

BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

The Associated Press

NEWPORT, Ore. — Back when they owned a basic camper, Mike and Marina Wolfgram parked it on riverbanks, in rustic campgrounds and on the sides of highways.

That all changed when they bought their first luxury motor home — a 45-foot coach the size of a yacht and, at \$1 million, just as expensive. But driving in luxury created an unexpected problem for the couple — parking.

So, after buying their coach and outfitting it with a state-of-the-art navigation system, a queen-sized bed, two phone lines and three TVs, the couple went on to invest in three lots at three different luxury RV resorts.

The demand for luxury rigs like the Wolfgrims' has given birth to a secondary industry: posh RV parks, outfitted with swimming pools, club houses, golf courses and private lagoons.

To the Wolfgrims, comfort is found first on the inside — the opulent interior of their coach resembles a mansion on wheels. But it's also on the outside, in the gated community they share with other owners of luxury rigs.

In Newport, the Wolfgrims paid \$150,000 for a lot ringed with flowering shrubs, facing Oregon's crashing coast. In Surprise, Ariz., their lot backs up to an 18-hole championship golf course, while their third property in Indio, Calif., has a private waterfall.

"You get to this age in life and you want a certain level of comfort," explained Mike Wolfgram, 62, who sold his house in Yuba City, Calif., to finance the new life he shares with his wife.

"It's the difference between a Motel 6 and the Sheraton," said Anne Carlson, 69, of Palm Desert, Calif., a former airline stewardess who parks her Marathon Coach on lots she and her husband own at the Newport resort.



AP

Stuart Carlson walks around his coach in Newport, Ore., in August. The RV industry has seen a boom in the sale of luxury rigs in recent years, which has created a demand for top-of-the-line RV parks.

"People think trailer trash," they don't realize how much the technology has changed," said Linda Profaizer, president and chief executive of the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds in Falls Church, Va.

The modern motorcoach resort is the brainchild of the founding fathers of today's luxury rig, who realized their customers needed a destination for their mansions-on-wheels.

"We needed a place to park our toys," said Bob Lee, founder of Country Coach in Junction City, Ore., and developer of the Desert Shores Motorcoach Resort in Indio, Calif.

Of the 8,500 privately owned RV parks in the United States, Profaizer estimates that as many as 150 are now offering a resort-like experience. The most luxurious among them have amenities that rival those of the best hotels and admission rules that are stricter than those of many country clubs.

"We don't allow trailers. No fifth wheels. No pop-ups, no campers," said Mike Parks, manager of the Pacific Shores Motorcoach Resort in Newport. "And nothing less than 25 feet. We'll get out and measure it if we have to. It's opulence to the nth degree," he said.

Overall, the \$12 billion-a-year RV industry is booming. In June, even as oil prices reached a 13-year-high, wholesale RV shipments rose 17.8 percent over June 2003. Richard Curtin, director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, said wholesale shipments in 2004 are on track to set a quarter-century record.

For Mike and Marina Wolfgram, slipping in on the veranda of their lot facing the Pacific Ocean at one of the most luxurious resorts in the country is the end of an evolution.

"We did campers. We did trailers. We slept in the dirt. We paid our dues," she said.

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OPINION

Neither candidate has thorough deficit plan

The Washington Post

Both presidential candidates want to say they have a serious plan to deal with the budget deficit. President Bush and Democratic nominee John Kerry each promise to cut it in half in the next several years.

As the latest projections from the Congressional Budget Office show, there are two problems with these pledges: They're based on unrealistic assumptions, and — even if they could be done — they aim at the wrong target. Deficits in the following years would almost certainly head back up sharply, endangering the economy and hobbling the government's ability to address the country's needs. Dealing with deficits in the long term will take far more discipline than either candidate has demonstrated, in office or on the campaign trail.

First, the numbers. The CBO predicts a \$422 billion deficit this year, a record in dollar terms but a tolerable 3.6 percent of gross domestic product, below the 6 percent peak reached in 1983. But the CBO figures show that under a conservative set of assumptions — smaller but still constant operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the extension of tax cuts now slated to expire, adjustment of the alternative minimum tax so that it doesn't hit growing numbers of taxpayers, and increases in discretionary spending only to keep pace with inflation (meaning far below the recent rate) — the deficit in five years would still be in the neighborhood of \$400 billion. In other words, don't count on it being cut in half under either candidate.

The scary part is that this is the least of the deficit problems.

The first of the baby boomers will begin to

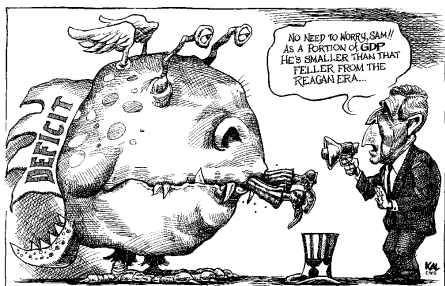
retire in 2008, and the costs of Social Security and, to an even greater extent, Medicare, will begin to rise dramatically. The CBO projects that spending on the two programs will nearly double over the next 10 years, consuming a growing share of the federal budget, and the trajectory will only get steeper from there.

Both candidates acknowledge this problem; neither has offered anything close to a realistic solution. Mr. Bush proposes allowing workers to set aside part of their Social Security payroll taxes in private accounts, a move that would entail huge costs as it is implemented. Having added an expensive entitlement program in the form of a Medicare prescription drug benefit, Mr. Bush offers no real plan to restrain Medicare costs.

For his part, Mr. Kerry cavalierly promised about Social Security: "I will not cut benefits." That may help him get elected, it won't help him govern. Mr. Kerry's plans for Medicare are as gauzy and inadequate as the president's.

That's not to say the two candidates are equally reckless. Mr. Bush, with his relentless push for ever more tax cuts, has proven his lack of seriousness about dealing with deficits. The stunning deterioration of the federal budget outlook during Mr. Bush's term is by no means mostly his fault; the economy faltered and the Sept. 11 attacks drove spending far higher than expected. But despite those changed circumstances, and the additional costs of prosecuting the war in Iraq, Mr. Bush pressed ahead with tax cuts that dug the hole deeper — and he wants even more, at a far higher cost, if he is re-elected.

His prescription for reducing the deficit is



to slash federal spending to a degree that neither Congress nor the public is likely to swallow.

In addition to the cost of his Social Security plan, he has proposed an array of tax-preferred private savings accounts that over the long term would siphon off billions in government revenue.

Mr. Kerry would cut taxes less and spend more than Mr. Bush; the essence of his economic plan is to take the portion of the tax cuts that go to the wealthiest Americans and instead use the money to pay for health care and education. This is a wiser use of the funds, but it doesn't do much to deal with the deficit.

Where Mr. Kerry has the edge on the president is that he has endorsed real budget discipline measures. He would require Congress to find ways to pay not only for extra spending but for tax cuts as well, an equivalence that was a part of budget rules during the 1990s but that has been anathema to the Bush White House. Mr. Kerry pledges to trim back planned spending if it turns out to be unaffordable, a likely scenario since at least some of his savings are rather implausible. His economic advisers have a proven track record on deficit reduction.

Deficit hawks may be uneasy about Mr. Kerry. But they've got many more reasons — 422 billion of them, really — to fear four more years of Mr. Bush.

Add medications to make the healthy 'more well'

BY HENRY I. MILLER
AND DAVID LONGTIN

Americans are no strangers to using chemicals for altering the mind, from state. No, we don't mean marijuana or ecstasy for recreational purposes, but rather good old No-Doz caffeine tablets — or just a pot of coffee — to stay awake cramming for a final exam, or an over-the-counter sleeping pill to get some rest.

This field of "psychopharmacological enhancement" is growing in intensity and sophistication. Estorla, the first prescription sleeping pill that you can take every night without becoming dependent on it, is expected to reach the market next year.

Meanwhile, the military is studying the narcolepsy medication Provigil as a way to keep soldiers alert for long periods. Doctors have been flooded with requests from healthy people who want to use this stimulant to work and play harder. For example, many people use it as an antidote to jet lag.

Thus, just as we've seen with steroids and growth hormones used by athletes to enhance physical performance, mind-altering drugs certainly will be used for ends that are not strictly therapeutic. But it is that always a bad thing? Some people think so. One member of the President's Council on Bioethics, historian Francis Fukuyama, even wants new laws to allow the use of these medications only for diseases such as Alzheimer's and depression, while banning "healthy" people from taking them or any other brain-boosting drug. But to make such fine distinctions, federal regulators would have to eliminate doctors' liability to write off-label prescriptions, that is, the use of approved medicines for purposes that don't yet have Food and Drug Administration approval.

On the basis of information gleaned from

medical journals and conferences, doctors prescribe this way more than 100 million times a year.

If physicians didn't have this authority, they would not be able to make the antidepressant Wellbutrin available to deter smoking, or to prescribe the blood-pressure medication Tenormin to alleviate stage fright and other phobias without the drawbacks of conventional anti-anxiety drugs. Even the FDA recognizes that off-label prescriptions are sometimes necessary for the practice of good medicine.

Although Prozac-type antidepressants have long been prescribed to troubled individuals, they are now being tested to see whether they can improve the emotional well-being of "psychologically normal" adults. A few studies have shown that these drugs can reduce negative feelings such as fear and hostility in healthy individuals. Un-

like many patients with depression who complain that these medications blunt their emotions, these study volunteers reported no decline in their ability to experience happiness or excitement. They also appeared to cooperate more readily with others; for example, roommates found them to be less submissive, but no more domineering or belligerent.

Psychiatrists are prescribing these medications more frequently to post-depression patients to prevent a relapse, and even to clients who have never met the criteria for clinical depression. The trend suggests that even healthy people will start taking them as social lubricants.

Even the enhancement of memory seems within reach, at least for older folks. One study found that nine healthy middle-aged pilots who took the Alzheimer's drug Aricept, an inhibitor of an enzyme that is in-

involved in neuronal function, did notably better at recalling flight-simulator lessons than nine others who took a placebo. As the lead author on this study said, it's almost as if the placebo group had hangers when compared with the Aricept group.

Who should dictate when and how such drugs can be used? U.S. regulators already impose stringent, hugely expensive testing requirements on the manufacturer of a drug before it can be marketed. Thereafter, it should be up to doctors and patients to make decisions about on- or off-label uses of the product.

We could soon see a new generation of important brain-boosting drugs, if only they can restrain the technophilic moralists, who are exactly the people most in need of a "smart pill."

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Church seeks miracle

AL BIRMINGHAM — Nearly a century of wear and an infamous civil rights-era bombing have cracked some of the walls of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and water leaks are destroying its ground floor.

A campaign to raise \$2.6 million to repair the historic downtown structure will start two days ahead of the 41st anniversary of the powerful bombing that killed four young black girls and rocked the church's foundation.

Officials say more than 200,000 tourists visit the church annually.

Life on the water

MD ANNAPOLIS — When Jennings Evans tells his stories, in gentle tones and words that sound like they've been rounded over on the top, it puts you right in the marshes of Smith Island.

His recollections from a lifetime of working the Chesapeake Bay are part of a two-hour "audio tour" released this summer by Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation. The collection of interviews and music, along with a 76-page book of photographs and writings, aims to capture a slice of the traditional Eastern Shore before more of its heritage gives way to urbanization, organizers said.

Unwanted spotlight

TX DALLAS — A church volunteer is suing an attention-seeking weekly newspaper for up to \$1.1 billion in damages, charging the publication violated a Texas law when it reported that he is HIV-positive without getting his permission.

The Dallas Observer identified the man in a December article about a preacher who led the Cathedral of Hope, a once-booming gay and lesbian church in Dallas that has struggled with financial problems, internal strife and a steep decline in membership.

The man doesn't dispute that he has the virus that causes AIDS, but he contends the newspaper broke a state law that forbids disclosure of medical test results without a patient's written consent, except to government health agencies.

Man steals body parts

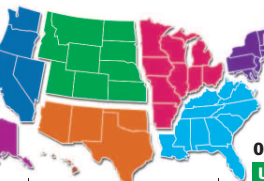
CA WOODLAND — A former autopsy assistant who told police he stole human body parts from a medical center in part to practice his dissection skills pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property.

David Lawrence Beale, 46, also pleaded guilty to drug possession and a misdemeanor count of unlawful disposal of human remains.

The former employee at the University of California Medical Center in Davis faces up to three years and eight months in state prison at an Oct. 25 sentencing, Deputy District Attorney James Walker said.

Retired judge nominated

DE WILMINGTON — Retired judge Bill Lee, the runner-up to the Republican gubernatorial primary in 2000, won his party's nomination for Delaware governor, setting up a November show-



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down with Democratic Gov. Ruth Ann Minner.

With 340 of 341 precincts reporting, the retired Superior Court judge had 15,181 votes, or 70.5 percent, compared with 5,086 votes, or 23.6 percent, for airline pilot Michael Protack. Accountant David Graham had 1,276 votes, or 5.9 percent.

"We're happy. We hit our marks," Lee said. "This was just a halfway point in the race, but we did our job tonight."

Turnout was lighter than predicted, with both parties sending only 12 to 14 percent of eligible voters to the polls. State Elections Commissioner Frank Calio had predicted a statewide turnout of about 20 percent.

Plane crashes into tower

FL LAKE WALES — A plane spraying insecticide hit a communications tower and crashed into an orange grove, killing both pilots, authorities said.

The twin-engine Piper Aztec had been spraying insecticide to kill mosquitoes after Hurricane Charley drenched the area. No injuries were reported on the ground, said Kathleen Bergen of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The pilots' names were not released.

The main pilot worked for Vec-



It's flaming hot

California Department of Forestry firefighter David Roberts minds a hose line on a back firing operation near Interstate 15 and Highway 138, south of Victorville, Calif.

tor Disease Control Inc., of Greenville, Miss., and was under contract with the federal Emergency Management Agency, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Order approved

UT MOAB — Interior Secretary Gale Norton approved an order that prohibits mining companies from making claims on nearly 200 miles of scenic rivers in southeastern Utah.

The order will provide 20 years of protection for 111,895 acres of public lands along the Green, Colorado and Dolores rivers. The order also helps protect at last 161 prehistoric sites, habitat for six threatened and endangered species, and 32 recreation facilities along the Colorado River.

Each year, more than 120,000 boaters explore the three rivers.

Thousands of others visit the area's state and federal parks and trails.

Store ordered to reopen

PA HARRISBURG — A judge ordered a financially troubled wedding-gown retailer to temporarily reopen after it shut stores in four states this week, leaving brides without dresses — in some cases just days before their wedding ceremonies.

Judge Dan Pellegrini told WeddingStores Inc. to reopen its Kaufman's Wedding World stores for four days so brides can pick up gowns for which they have already paid. The company must also provide contact information for suppliers to customers after Hurricane Charley drenched the area. No injuries were reported on the ground, said Kathleen Bergen of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Tattoo woman charged

TX FORT WORTH — A woman accused of applying tattoos on two boys was arrested on a charge of suspicion of injury to a child.

Glenn Renee Lee, 19, was arrested after the mother of one of the boys called police. Christina Starling said her 11-year-old son, Anthony, and his 10-year-old cousin, Tracy, said they went to a neighbor's house to ask about tattoos while Starling was at work.

The boys said the woman told them she applied the tattoos "shallow" so they would come off easily, according to a police report.

Two days later, the "A" on Anthony's forearm was still raised above the skin and looked and felt like a brand. Tracy has a "T" and a star-like design on his forearms.

As tattoos grow in popularity, police said, they are seeing more juveniles sporting them even though it is illegal to tattoo anyone under 18.

Colleges' budget woes

GA ATLANTA — Colleges and universities in Georgia may be forced to cut up to 1,100 non-faculty jobs and increase tuition by 10 percent to make up a nearly \$69 million budget shortfall.

Chancellor Thomas Meredith said the budget has to be trimmed and he's reviewing several proposals. Another plan would increase tuition by more than 22 percent and eliminate nearly 300 non-faculty jobs.



The sound of a hunter

Hunter Phillips, 10, of Ocean City, Md., a competitive duck caller, uses one of the duck-calling devices he and his father made while calling ducks on Assawoman Bay in Ocean City.



Total wipeout

Volunteer Zach Carlton, 14, is sent flying while trying to stop soapbox racer Jacob Pinkas, 8, from hitting the hay barriers after Pinkas missed the cones designed to stop the car. The boys were participating in the annual Soap Box Derby festivities in East Alton, Ill.



Classic style

Martin Pearson looks over a 1939 Ford Coupe during the 2004 Turkey Creek Car Show in Merriam, Kan.



Where is my tent? A Cycle Oregon participant makes his way through a sea of yellow tents at a camp north of Canyonville, Ore. Cycle Oregon is a statewide bicycle tour.



Wet walk A moose and its baby waded through a pond in East Montpelier, Vt.



A beautiful storm For the second consecutive night, severe lightning storms pass through Apple Valley, Calif.

Thieves sinking effort

WA EVERETT — An effort to loan free lifejackets to swimmers at five beaches isn't floating thanks to thieves.

Under a Safe Kids Coalition program that began four years ago, swimmers from infants to adults have been able to borrow lifejackets from cabinets that are open from Memorial Day until the beginning of October at beaches without life guards.

About 50 lifejackets have been stolen from open cabinets at Kayak Park, Lake Stevens, Silver Lake, Martha Lake and Twin Lakes.

One station, a wooden kiosk at Twin Lakes County Park, was cleaned out of jackets during the summer, said Snohomish County Fire District 14 Capt. Christian Davis.

"We're glad they're being used, but we need them to be returned," said Kim Schroeder, president of the coalition. "We'll have to close down the program if we don't have enough lifejackets."

Italian students see U.S.

MT ARLEE — Italian high school students researching American Indian languages in Montana say they're also learning lessons that transcend words.

Lessons like a first football game. Some like Enrico Cantoni say last weekend's performance by the University of Montana Grizzlies seemed slow compared to soccer. Others like Marco Amadori saw in the complex plays a clue to U.S. life.

Amadori and Cantoni are among 15 students from Bologna, a northern Italian city, on a 12-day trip to Montana and Washington.

The Bologna visitors made Montana their destination after University of Montana anthropology professor Tony Mattina answered a request for information in a newsletter.

Steamship wreck found

AK ANCHORAGE — The wreckage of a steamship found near Cordova has been identified as the S.S. Portland, a vessel famous for launching the Klondike Gold Rush.

The Portland, which once smuggled guns, drugs and illegal workers, was one of the first ships to carry Yukon miners and their gold from Alaska in 1897 and helped spark the fever that drew thousands to Alaska in search of their fortune.

The Portland hauled miners to Skagway and St. Michael, the two routes into the Klondike, near present-day Dawson City, and then to the next gold strike in Nome.

School district inquiry

TX DALLAS — Federal prosecutors and the FBI have joined a burgeoning investigation into corruption allegations at an impoverished North Texas school district that already is facing a possible state takeover.

Investigators are trying to determine how the Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District went from having \$1.6 million fund balance to a deficit in just over a year. Other allegations include document shredding, double payments for expenses and the illegal use of property tax revenues to pay off a

\$500,000 loan.

FBI agents and Texas Rangers seized documents and served subpoenas at the district's administration building, expanding an investigation by the Dallas County District Attorney's office. A federal grand jury investigation also is under way.

Tempers cause accidents

DE WILMINGTON — Aggressive driving is a factor in almost two-thirds of the state's fatal crashes, officials say. This year, at least 48 people have died in crashes officials say were caused by aggressive driving. Last year, Delaware State Police issued 56,338 tickets for violations related to aggressive driving. They say they're on a similar pace this year.

Free gas giveaway

MO SPRINGFIELD — Park Crest Assembly of God wants to do a good deed by paying part of motorists' gas tab. The price of any octane at a south Springfield station will be reduced by 40 cents a gallon on Oct. 1. Motorists will be limited to 15 gallons. The church will pay the discount on 2,500 gallons.

Cracking down on bullies

NY NEW YORK — The City Council has passed legislation requiring the Department of Education to create new rules prohibiting harassment and bullying in the city's schools, overriding a veto by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The bill, called the Dignity for All Students Act, requires school officials to keep records of bullying incidents and a statistical summary of all cases. It also says staff school safety officers must be trained in new guidelines aimed at school bullies.

The council said in a statement that 31.4 percent of students in New York said they have missed one or more days of school because they felt unsafe.

Crop theft on the rise

HI KAHUKU — Dozens of farmers from Oahu met with lawmakers and farm advocates to express their concerns over agricultural thefts.

A show of hands indicated most of the farmers have had crops stolen. The farmers say their stolen crops are sold by thieves, in many cases to buy illegal drugs, including crystal methamphetamine.

The meeting came about week after a man allegedly stealing crops was shot to death in Kahuku. A charge of second-degree murder has been filed against farmer Khamath Baccam.

Winter scene in works

SC CHARLESTON — City officials hope a winter wonderland will lure holiday shoppers downtown. The city signed a letter of intent with an Atlanta company to buy and operate a temporary ice-skating rink from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day for the next three years. The company would share profits with the city. Mayor Joseph Riley has begun soliciting sponsors for the rink, which will cost between \$150,000 and \$175,000 to build.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The moon in Libra emphasizes relationships, while several Virgo influences overhead make sure that we've carefully analyzed the most insignificant minute.

Microscopic analysis isn't the best thing for making love work, but since we really can't help but go there, at least use the astral energy to extract some positive conclusions.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(September 16). You get right to the point this year. You make fantastic money in October because you're not fooling around! Relationships get more defined in November. Family ties inspire you to make important decisions before the year is up. January shows gains through investments or real estate. Your best love interests are Leo and Cancer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You've been wanting to change the world, and now, you get your call to action. Even those who used to defy you may come over to your side, as there's the feeling today that those you thought were crazy may actually have a point.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Learn as much as you can from the world around you. Your creative potential is impressive, but you need to focus it clearly to get results. Stop. Avoid scattering your resources through aimless dabbling. Set clear goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You could find yourself in deep contemplation or heavy conversation focused on analyzing your life. Open your eyes to what's meaningful. Dreaming up solutions is the easy part, once you recognize what needs to be fixed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Don't force yourself to get down to business — it's pointless. The mind has many ways of working things out, sometimes through play and sometimes through serious contemplation. Messing around may lead you to a shortcut.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're capable of amazing feats, so don't stop what you're doing just because

you come to a point when most people would stop. It's OK to stand out and be remarkable. Tonight, do everything in your power not to be late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

When you feel like running around to look for solutions at every port, stand still, and think about the one thing you don't want to do. Chances are, that's the very thing that will set you free. Reaching out heals a broken heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There will be many people requesting the pleasure of your company. Make time for this. At the end of the day, it's the connection with others you'll remember, not the pile of paper you handed on your desk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You're in serious motion! Nobody can match your pace, least of all you! Keep especially good track of your personal property. You're vulnerable to boneheaded moves, like leaving your keys dangling in the lock.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your persistence has paid off. Baby steps bring you to just the place you were aiming for. Unfortunately, it's hard for you to recognize that you're there because your mind is already set on another distant milestone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If people around you are unhappy, it's not necessarily bad news for you. It could be your chance to prove your loyalty and helpfulness. You may even save the day with a quick improvement strategy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You don't have to travel a great distance to experience new worlds. They are just beyond your own front door. It's the people and cultures, not the latitude and longitude, that open new worlds for your exploring.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You'll be thinking about how you fit in and what you might do to become a more essential part of a particular group. In fact, you don't have to DO anything. Just have the attitude that you're all on the same team.

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Calvin and Hobbes



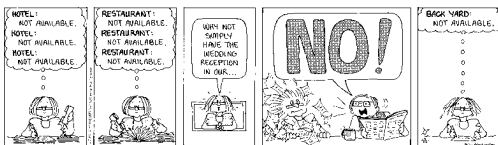
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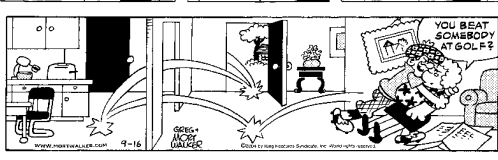
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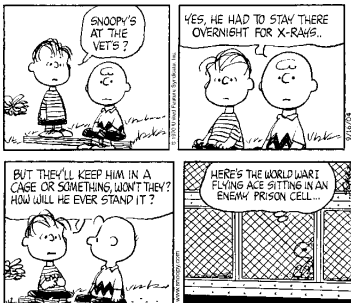
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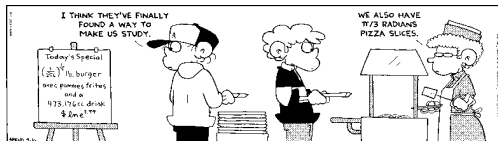
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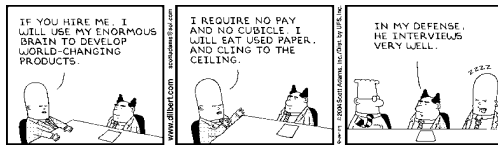
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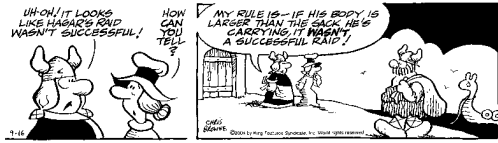
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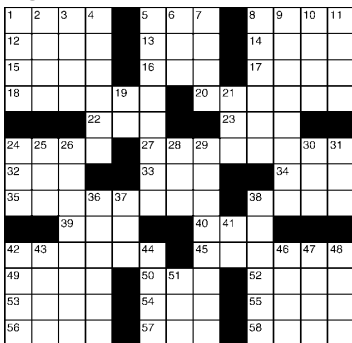
Hagar



Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Cotton wad
- 5 Shape shifter?
- 8 "Mamma Mia" quartet
- 12 Talk-show host Jay
- 13 Listening device
- 14 "Cheers" order
- 15 Saxophone range
- 16 Turn blue?
- 17 Rushmore's st.
- 18 Light-hearted
- 20 Gets amorous
- 22 Carpool-lane abbr.
- 23 Tulsa sch.
- 24 Bros., e.g.
- 27 Tying one on
- 32 Weeding tool
- 33 New Guinea port
- 34 "Smoking or —?"
- 35 Backed
- 38 Invitation abbr.
- 39 Capades venue
- 40 Mimic
- 42 Summerhouse
- 43 Plump
- 45 Year-end refrain
- 50 Singer Phair
- 52 Bear in the air
- 53 Domini preceder
- 54 Right angle
- 55 He got the point across to his son
- 56 Fields co-star, once only
- 57 Bullring bravo
- 58 Supplements, with "out"

Down

- 1 Thick slice
- 2 Jack Benny's expletive
- 3 Con
- 4 Restaurant furnishings
- 5 Causes distress
- 6 Bob's longtime partner
- 7 Martial deity
- 8 Take in
- 9 Nomadic Arabs
- 10 Legume
- 11 Clumsy craft
- 12 Word with "land" or "heave"
- 21 Luau bowful
- 24 The lady
- 25 Charged bit
- 26 Dresses gaudily
- 28 First name of 56-Across
- 29 Overpower with light
- 30 Calendar abbr.
- 31 Econ. statistic
- 36 Texan wildcat
- 37 CSA soldier
- 38 Belle
- 41 Dad
- 42 Chew away
- 43 Top-notch
- 44 Sub in a tub
- 46 "Star —"
- 47 Gilligan's home
- 48 Guys' partners
- 51 Poorly

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

Z OHQSYNSYS ZP Z'S YTYN
BANTZTY UJY BAC-WYNH
OYRUJYN, CAU Z PNHWY
UH UJY HHMRBZHQ.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'VE SLEPT ON TOP OF A GREEN GEM, I SUPPOSE YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN OVER A BERYL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals Z

See doctor when dealing with STD

Dear Abby: "Gary" and I were married two months ago. For our honeymoon, we took a cruise to the eastern Caribbean.

One week after our return, I came down with a yeast infection that I treated with an over-the-counter medication. A few days later, Gary got what we thought was a urinary tract infection, which we treated with lots of water and cranberry juice. When neither of our conditions improved, we went to the doctor, who diagnosed us both with chlamydia.

We were shocked! Gary and I had both tested negative for all STDs before we were married. The nurse asked if we had been in a hot tub recently, and we replied that we'd spent many hours in hot tubs on the cruise ship. The nurse then informed us that chlamydia is a bacteria, and bacteria love warm, moist environments — like hot tubs. She said it was the most likely source

of this disease in our case. We contacted the cruise line and told them that their hot tubs were not clean and asked them to reimburse us for the cost of our prescriptions. The man I spoke to refused and accused me of lying.

Dear Abby



I know you can't help me with the cruise line, Abby, but I want to warn your readers about public hot tubs.

Perhaps it will save others from contracting a disease like we did. — **Contaminated in Ohio**

Dear Ohio: Thank you for wanting to spare others your unfortunate experience.

After reading your letter, I contacted the Centers for Disease Control National STD and AIDS Hotline (1-800-342-2437). It was told that chlamydia is NOT transmitted by sitting in or on the rim of a hot tub, nor by any other inanimate object. It is transmitted through genital contact.

The most important thing you

letter illustrates to me is how important it is for people to be properly diagnosed, rather than treating themselves with over-the-counter remedies.

Dear Abby: I am a 24-year-old single mother of a 3-year-old daughter. I was physically and verbally abused by both of my parents. I no longer live with them.

I have no one except my parents to watch my child, but I see them starting to yell at her. When I mention that yelling is not good for my daughter, they accuse me of being "overly protective." Can you tell me how to deal with this?

— **In a Bind in Baton Rouge**

Dear In a Bind: Under no circumstances should your parents baby-sit your child. It's time for you to find another baby sitter and to build another support system.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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MOAXI

PHEWEN

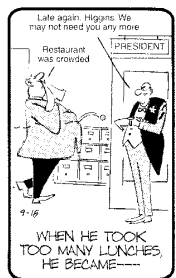
BONYED

Ans:

VENOM MINER ARMADA FAUCET

Answer: What the doctor establishes when he mounted a diagram of the brain — A "FRAME" OF MIND

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Mom needs help with spoiled son

Dear Annie: I think I have the son from hell. "Quentin" is 33, lives out of state and goes to graduate school. He is engaged and plans to marry in a few months. So far, I have bought him six different cars and a house. Now he wants to sell the house and expects to keep the money — close to \$150,000.

I have paid for Quentin's education for the last five years, along with all his clothes, trips, etc. After agreeing to give him the money from the house sale, I said I refuse to pay for his final year of graduate school. Now he is quite angry with me.

Our relationship hasn't been good for several months. Yesterday, Quentin called to say it's better if I don't come to his wedding because I am a "disturbance." Further, I was told, I will not get an invitation to his graduation.

I know I have spoiled him and created this monster, but should I write him off completely?

Annie's Mailbox



— **Mother in Colorado**

Dear Mother: You have given Quentin the impression that his love is a commodity that can be purchased, and he has been charging you plenty. That he thinks your presence at his wedding would be a "disturbance" indicates there is more to this story than what you've told us.

You don't owe your son the cost of graduate school, but if money is the only way he can gauge your love, he naturally becomes angry when you won't pay. You and Quentin need to communicate better on an emotional level, although after 33 years, it will take a lot of joint effort. Ask him to go with you for family counseling. If he refuses, consider talking to a therapist on your own to find out if there are ways to change your behavior, so he can change his. Good luck.

Dear Annie: Back in high school, I was given a nickname that I hated because it was a jab

at my physical appearance. I was an awkward teen and didn't get my "good looks" until college.

Recently, I became acquainted with the wife of an old schoolmate.

She said that when she mentioned my name to her husband, he referred to me by this old nickname. I know she meant no harm by repeating it, so I said nothing about how it hurt my feelings.

I will be attending my 10-year reunion next spring, and I am wondering what to say to those people who will call me by this nickname. I'd like to be polite but put them in their place.

— **I Have a Real Name**

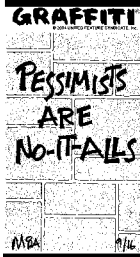
Dear Real Name: If any of them use this nickname at the reunion, simply act surprised and say with a smile, "I'd forgotten how juvenile that nickname was. I don't respond to it anymore." Then don't.

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Family Circus



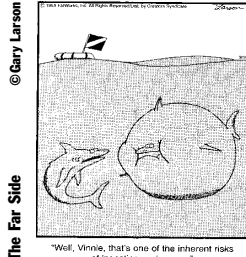
"Quit grazing, Barfy. You're not a sheep!"



Dennis the Menace



The Far Side



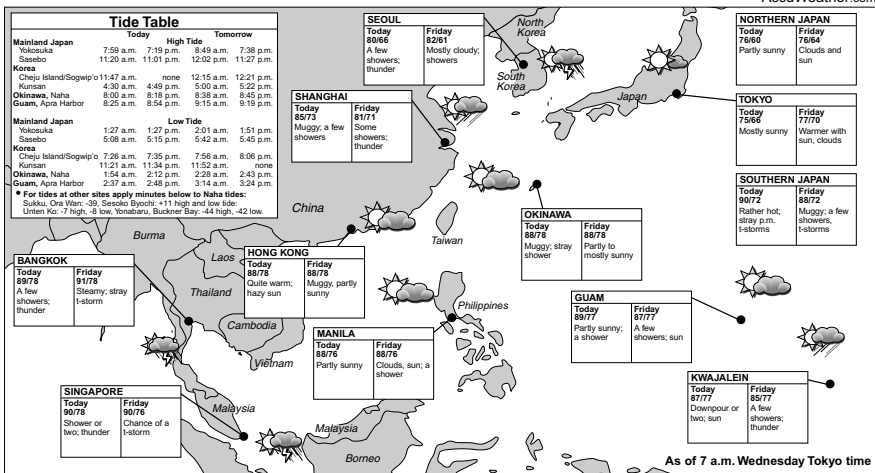
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
 Saturday: Showers, high 81, low 71.
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 82, low 71.

KADENA
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 78.
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 78.

SEUL
 Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 77, low 62.
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 81, low 61.

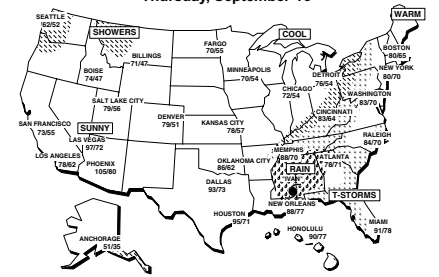
MANILA
 Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 76.
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 76.

HAGATNA
 Saturday: Showers, high 87, low 77.
 Sunday: Showers, high 89, low 77.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	90/60	Los Angeles	78/65
Amarillo	92/60	Little Rock	90/69
Anchorage	54/37	Louisville	85/65
Ashville	74/56	Miami	89/81
Baltimore	79/64	Milwaukee	85/68
Birmingham	84/68	Nashville	86/64
Bismarck	63/46	New York	73/63
Boise	65/45	Omaha	89/65
Boston	67/55	Orlando	86/75
Brownsville	95/76	Philadelphia	78/64
Buffalo	63/64	Phoenix	103/78
Burlington	77/66	Pittsburgh	81/62
Charleston, SC	81/70	Portland, OR	69/58
Charlotte	78/62	Portland, ME	64/48
Chicago	65/64	Salt Lake City	67/43
Columbus, OH	84/62	St. Louis	88/71
Duluth	67/52	San Antonio	89/75
El Paso	98/70	San Diego	74/66
Hartford	73/61	San Juan	88/77
Helena	56/43	Tampa	88/75
Indianapolis	84/64	Tulsa	94/74
Jacksonville	83/73	Washington	77/63
Kansas City	91/72	Wichita	95/72

Thursday, September 16



U.S. Extended Forecast

Hurricane Ivan will make landfall along the northern Gulf Coast Thursday as a possible strong Category 4 hurricane. Ivan will bring high winds, heavy rain and strong thunderstorms to coastal areas. A few showers will develop in the mid-Atlantic ahead of an approaching cold front, while New England will enjoy one more dry day. The cold front stretching from the Great Lakes into the southern Plains will spark showers and a few thunderstorms. Winds will increase in the Upper Midwest behind the front. An area of high pressure in the southern Rockies will provide a good deal of sunshine from the Plains into the Southwest. A passing cold front will trigger showers in the Northwest.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/78	Iwakuni	83/69
Beijing	84/60	Kadena AB	88/78
Camp Casey	81/64	Kunsan AB	79/68
Christchurch	49/34	Kwajalein	87/77
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	88/76
Hagatna	88/77	Misawa AB	77/58
Hanoi	89/74	Osan	79/67
Hong Kong	88/78	Perth	70/52
Honolulu	90/77	Pusan	80/69

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Accapulco	89/75	Buenos Aires	66/49
Athens	87/70	Cairo	91/64
Auckland	59/45	Cancun	88/75
Baghdad	102/69	Cape Town	84/43
Barbados	89/73	Geneva	61/50
Barcelona	67/56	Guadalajara	82/64
Berlin	60/48	Honolulu	90/77
Bermuda	84/72	Johannesburg	78/54
Brussels	65/51	Moscow	64/52
		Nairobi	80/47
		New Delhi	87/69
		Oslo	58/44
		Paris	61/48
		Rio de Janeiro	75/60
		Rome	74/53
		St. Petersburg	63/45
		Stockholm	52/41
		Warsaw	60/39



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THURSDAY EVENING / SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P HSPNews	Pacific Report	Everybody Loves Raymond Cheryl Roberts gets a new job (CC)	Will & Grace "Clams at Sea" and Jack at sea (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Homelanders: George and Wanda find a mummified corpse in a closet. (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Feeling the Heat" A couch potato is found baked at home during a heat wave. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)				Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-ATL Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Asahi! Real Monsters (E) (CC)	The Weekenders (E) (CC)	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2) (CC)	Mucha Lucha (CC)
8	NEWS 60 Minutes II (CC)		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS #100 Bull Riding (CC)	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.						SportsCenter		Mark Sosin's Salvatore Journal	!Totally NASCAR	
10	SPEC The Simpsons "Li to Be Mom" (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond A hot day fish feast.	One Tree Hill The First Cut is the Deepest" Nathan must decide which parent to live with after the divorce.		The West Wing "Twenty-Five" President Bartlet orders the FBI to raid the Persian Gulf. (CC)	Frontline/World (CC)					The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)
11	AFN-HM SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	That's So Raven All That	Tha Heaven (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	Sabrina-Witch Sabrina-Witch	The Cosby Show Home Improve.					Touching by an Angel "Fear Not"	
12	AFN-DC Zoo-News	Cartoon Unforgettable	That's So Raven All That	Tha Heaven (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	Sabrina-Witch Sabrina-Witch	The Cosby Show Home Improve.					Speed 2: Cruise the Scenic	
14	TMC Unforgettable	Cartoon Unforgettable	That's So Raven All That	Tha Heaven (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	Sabrina-Witch Sabrina-Witch	The Cosby Show Home Improve.					Speed 2: Cruise the Scenic	
24	PBS Off the Grid Dog Smaller	Dragon Tale Last for Laugha/Give Zak a Hand	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Republican National Convention Coverage of the Republican National Convention in New York. (Live) (CC)							Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
25	SHOW Slaying & Hell	Dragon Tale Last for Laugha/Give Zak a Hand	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Republican National Convention Coverage of the Republican National Convention in New York. (Live) (CC)							Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
27	A&E City Confidential	The murder of a promiscuous pilot from a peaceful Puget Sound island. (CC)	American Justice "On Death's Door" A woman accuses her ex-husband of murdering their baby. (CC)								Crossing Jordan A man kidnaps a suspect trying to notify a man's wife of his murder. (CC)	
28	DISC To Be Announced		To Be Announced								To Be Announced	
29	TFC Malaika Mo Keys (In Tagalog)			(45) Dong Pung Live							(10) Sarah...Teen	(30) Maid in Heaven
30	CNN+ Larry King Live (CC)		CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CHNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
31	GOLF PGA Championship Highlights Shaun Micheel		Inside the PGA Tour A look at the PGA Tour	The Combark at Brookline	Ryder Cup Preview	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CHNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
32	TLC Clean Sweep "Gold Medal Mess" Two winners lose battle against clutter. (CC)		Inside the PGA Tour A look at the PGA Tour	The Combark at Brookline	Ryder Cup Preview	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CHNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
34	TOON Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cow ardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls The Powerpuff Girls	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CHNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
35	ANPL The Crocodile Hunter "Freshwater Croc" Studying the freshwater crocodiles of North Queensland. (CC)		Most Extreme Births Extreme births in the animal kingdom. (CC)		Amazing Animal Videos A big house cat. (CC)	Growing Up... "Baboon" Young baboons' release back into the wild is threatened. (CC)	South Park South Park	The Graham Norton Effect Tom Collette. (N) (CC)	The Daily Show John McCain. (N)	The Daily Show John McCain. (N)		
36	COM Trigger Happy Reno 911! Street corner watch. (CC)		The Daily Show John McCain. (N)	Mad TV Mad TV	Crank Yankers Puppets make crank phone calls. (CC)	Innocent Mike Mike in Myrtle Beach. (CC)	South Park South Park	The Graham Norton Effect Tom Collette. (N) (CC)	The Daily Show John McCain. (N)	The Daily Show John McCain. (N)		
40	NGC-A Demolition Squad Amazing Space		Planet Wild Planet Wild	Heaven and Empire The White Elephant	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	MIX "Entrepreneurs vs. Hosts"	MIX "Former Nymphs"	MIX (N)	MIX	MIX	MIX	MIX
42	FOX Fame "W.S.O.A." Jesse encounters a musical teenage girl on the request line at the radio station.		Blind Date Blind Date	Blind Date Blind Date	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	MIX "Entrepreneurs vs. Hosts"	MIX "Former Nymphs"	MIX (N)	MIX	MIX	MIX	MIX
44	BET 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live Storm P.		World Special Film World Special Film	The Parkers The Parkers	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	MIX "Entrepreneurs vs. Hosts"	MIX "Former Nymphs"	MIX (N)	MIX	MIX	MIX	MIX
46	COURT NYPD Blue "Lost Love" Emotions flare when a father is suspected of killing his child. (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		Cops Cops	Cops Cops	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	MIX "Entrepreneurs vs. Hosts"	MIX "Former Nymphs"	MIX (N)	MIX	MIX	MIX	MIX
48	STR-WLD The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me Asia	Smallville (CC)	Butty the Vampire Slayer (CC)	Angel (CC)					
50	LIFE The Golden Girls Blanche produces Dorothy's day.		The Golden Girls Blanche produces Dorothy's day.									
51	ABCAM Full House Stephanie has a plan. (CC)		Full House Stephanie has a plan. (CC)									
53	HIST 9-11 Stratfordville The B-52 has to find 70,000 pounds of bombs. (CC)		9-11 Stratfordville The B-52 has to find 70,000 pounds of bombs. (CC)									
57	STR-WLD Multi-plexity "1996 Comedy"		Multi-plexity "1996 Comedy"									
58	ADV 1 Total Adventure Skiing and climbing. (CC)		La Mantana - Skiing and climbing. (CC)									
59	MTV Music Videos		Direct Effect									
60	NICK Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice	Juice Juice

JAPAN TV

Morning
6:45 Between the Lions (3)
7:30 Disney (12)
Afternoon
1:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Blue Streak (2/20) (12)
3:12 Grand Slam: The 5th Day (11)
3:30 Disney (12)
Evening
6:15 Japan Pro Ball: Yakult Swallows vs. Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles (4)
7:00 NHK News (1)
7:00 Japan Pro Ball: Hiroshima Carp vs. Yomiuri Giants (4)
8:00 U.S. Movie: 2002: Bowling for Columbine (22/4) (12)
12:15 Grand Slam Digest (1)
1:35 Football CC: Champions League Digest (3)
1:53 Track and Field Golden League (6)
2:40 Code Name: ETERNITY (4)
2:55 U.S. Movie: 120 Kilos: Car 54, Where Are You? (1/40) (12)

4:00 Grand Slam Digest (1/3)

JAPAN TV-B57

Morning
6:00 Top News from Around the World
6:30 Top News from Around the World
7:00 Top News from Around the World
7:30 Top News from Around the World
8:00 World News Hour
8:30 World News Hour
9:00 World News Hour
9:30 World News Hour
10:00 50 Documentary: War against Al Qaida (2)
11:00 MLB: Anaheim Angels vs. Seattle Mariners (4)
Afternoon
2:00 PBS NewsHour
2:30 CNN News
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SCOREBOARD

AFN TV & Radio

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. — Baseball: Tampa Bay at Boston.
AFN-Sports, 11 a.m. — Baseball: Houston at St. Louis.
AFN-Baseball, 9 a.m. — Baseball: San Diego at Los Angeles.
AFN-Baseball, 6:30 p.m. — Baseball: Anaheim at Seattle (dtd).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. — Baseball: San Francisco at Milwaukee.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — Baseball: Texas at Oakland (dtd) at Detroit.
AFN-Baseball, 9 a.m. — Women's pro basketball: Houston at St. Louis.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m. — Baseball: Houston at St. Louis (dtd).

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Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference		W		L		T		P		G		A	
Columbus	10	7	10	7	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7	20
MetStars	7	10	7	10	7	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7
D.C. United	7	10	7	10	7	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7
Chicago	7	10	7	10	7	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7
New England	7	10	7	10	7	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7

Western Conference		W		L		T		P		G		A	
Colorado	11	9	9	9	9	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7
Kansas City	11	9	9	9	9	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7
Los Angeles	11	9	9	9	9	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7
San Jose	11	9	9	9	9	20	40	10	7	20	40	10	7
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NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Championship games
 Chicago at New England
 MetStars at Columbus
 Chicago at Dallas
 San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday, Sept. 25
 D.C. United at Columbus
 Kansas City at Dallas
 Chicago at Kansas City
 Los Angeles at Chicago
 Los Angeles at San Jose

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE		W		L		T		P		G		A	
Charlotte	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Connecticut	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New York	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Washington	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Detroit	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE		W		L		T		P		G		A	
Los Angeles	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Seattle	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Phoenix	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
San Antonio	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Houston	18	15	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Championship games
 Washington vs. Houston (3)
 Connecticut vs. Seattle (4)
 New York vs. San Antonio (5)
 Seattle vs. Indiana (6)

Sunday's games
 New York at Houston
 Phoenix at San Antonio
 Connecticut at Charlotte
 Washington at San Antonio
 Phoenix at Seattle

College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Thursday, Sept. 16
 No. 10 California at Southern Miss, p.p.d., hurricane
Saturday, Sept. 18
 No. 1 Southern Cal at BYU
 No. 2 Georgia vs. Louisiana Tech
 No. 5 Florida at No. 14 Auburn
 No. 8 South Carolina vs. No. 11 Maryland
 No. 12 State U. vs. OAC
 No. 13 Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee
 No. 14 Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee
 No. 15 Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee
 No. 16 Iowa at Arizona State
 No. 17 Oregon at San Diego State
 No. 18 Oregon at San Diego State
 No. 19 Fresno State vs. Portland State
 No. 20 Oregon at San Diego State
 No. 21 Minnesota at Colorado State
 No. 22 Oregon at San Diego State
 No. 23 Oregon at San Diego State
 No. 24 Louisville at Tulane
 No. 25 Oregon at San Diego State

Division I-AA Top 25

PHILADELPHIA (1) — The top 25 teams in the Division I-AA football rankings are listed in the following table. Records through Sept. 12 and previous rankings.

	Record	Pts
1. Montana (6)	1-1	2340
2. Southern Illinois (26)	1-1	2340
3. Montana State (1)	1-1	2340
4. Furman (3)	2-0	2275
5. Montana State (1)	2-0	2275
6. Delaware	1-1	1837
7. Montana State (1)	1-1	1788
8. Georgia Southern	1-1	1740
9. Jacksonville State	1-1	1740
10. New Hampshire (5)	2-0	1498

11. Western Kentucky	1-1	1487
12. Colgate	1-1	1367
13. Saint Mary's, Austin	1-1	1367
14. Montana State	1-1	1377
15. Minnesota State	1-1	1377
16. Western Illinois	1-1	1141
17. Minnesota State	1-1	1141
18. Northeastern	1-1	670
19. Northern Arizona	1-1	670
20. Appalachian State	1-1	659
21. Cal Poly	2-0	300
22. Cal Poly	2-0	300
23. Lehigh	2-0	211
24. Lehigh	2-0	211
25. Southeastern Louisiana	2-0	209

World Cup

Quarterfinals		W		L		T		P		G		A	
Finland 2	United States 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Czech Republic 3	Spain 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
United States 5	Russia 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wednesday, Sept. 8													
Canada 5	Slovakia 0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Semifinals													
Friday, Sept. 10													
At St. Paul, Minn.													
Finland 2	United States 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saturday, Sept. 11													
Canada 4	Czech Republic 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Championship													
Thursday, Sept. 14													
At Toronto													
Finland vs. Canada													

Japan baseball

Central League

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Chunichi	65	36	3	.577	7
Yomiuri	65	36	3	.577	7
Yokohama	65	36	3	.577	7
Hanshin	58	43	14	.484	14
Chiba	58	43	14	.484	14
Hiroshima	50	50	40	.221	21

Pacific League

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Daiichi	78	49	4	.598	5
Seibu	78	49	4	.598	5
Kintetsu	66	63	3	.509	19
Yokohama	66	63	3	.509	19
Chiba	78	49	4	.598	5

Golf

PGA Tour statistics

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
1. (tie), Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh	68.84	1	1	1	1
2. Tiger Woods	68.84	1	1	1	1
3. Scott Verplank	68.84	1	1	1	1
4. Retief Goosen	68.84	1	1	1	1
5. Sergio Garcia	68.84	1	1	1	1

Driving Distance

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
1. Scott Henn	314.2	1	1	1	1
2. Mike Hennessy	314.2	1	1	1	1
3. John Daly	302.4	1	1	1	1
4. Chris Smith	302.4	1	1	1	1
5. Lucas Glover	301.9	1	1	1	1

Driving Accuracy Percentage

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
1. Fred Couples	75.3%	1	1	1	1
2. Scott Verplank	75.3%	1	1	1	1
3. John Cook	75.3%	1	1	1	1
4. Bill Calbert	75.3%	1	1	1	1
5. J. J. Henry	75.3%	1	1	1	1

Greens in Regulation Pct.

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
1. Vijay Singh	72.6%	1	1	1	1
2. Tiger Woods	72.6%	1	1	1	1
3. Scott Verplank	72.6%	1	1	1	1
4. Retief Goosen	72.6%	1	1	1	1
5. Sergio Garcia	72.6%	1	1	1	1

Putting Average

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
1. Stewart Cink	77.8%	1	1	1	1
2. Tiger Woods	77.8%	1	1	1	1
3. Scott Verplank	77.8%	1	1	1	1
4. Retief Goosen	77.8%	1	1	1	1
5. Sergio Garcia	77.8%	1	1	1	1

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Birdie Average

1. Tiger Woods	4.39	2	1	1
2. Phil Mickelson	4.39	2	1	1
3. Vijay Singh	4.39	2	1	1
4. Retief Goosen	4.39	2	1	1
5. Sergio Garcia	4.39	2	1	1

Sand Save Percentage

1. Phil Mickelson	24.8	2	1	1
2. Tiger Woods	24.8	2	1	1
3. Vijay Singh	24.8	2	1	1
4. Retief Goosen	24.8	2	1	1
5. Sergio Garcia	24.8	2	1	1

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2. Venus Williams	\$1,741,528
3. Anastasia Myskina	\$1,741,528
4. Justine Henin-Hardenne	\$1,741,528
5. Martina Hingis	\$1,741,528
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Florida State will stick with Rix

Despite poor performance at Miami, Bowden says QB is still the starter

From wire reports

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Chris Rix will remain Florida State's starting quarterback despite a dreadful performance in last week's loss at Miami.

College football briefs

Coach Bobby Bowden announced his decision during a booster luncheon on Monday.

Rix, who is Bowden's first four-year starter, became Division I-A's only quarterback to go 0-5 against one school after failing to lead the offense to a touchdown in Friday night's 16-10 overtime loss at the Orange Bowl.

"I thought about it all night and all the next day and all the next night and talked it over with my coaches and everything," Bowden said after practice Monday night. "We felt like he's really got the kids behind him."

"Four years ago [the players] were not behind him. I think the wise thing to do is start him and see if he can't get back to his old self." Rix completed 12 of 26 passes for 108 yards, threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles, including one in overtime on Friday. He ranks 10th in the Atlantic Coast Conference's passing statistics with a 61.0 efficiency ranking.

"It's way too early to panic," added Bowden, who has spent most of the past three autumns defending Rix, who has a record of

24-11 in four seasons with the Seminoles. "It's not time."

Also on Monday, Florida State said an MRI revealed guard Matt Meinrod has a torn knee ligament and will miss the rest of the season.

Florida State is scheduled to host Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday night.

RB Dennis rejoins Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES — Hershel Dennis, the starting tailback for national champion Southern California last season, returned to the Trojans on Monday after sitting out two games for violating team rules.

USC coach Pete Carroll said he was uncertain whether Dennis would travel with the top-ranked team for Saturday's game at BYU. "We've taken care of our situation," Carroll said. "We welcome him back. I know he's a great competitor. During this week of practice, we'll see how he fits in."

Dennis, a 5-foot-11, 200-pound junior, was USC's second-leading rusher last season, gaining 661 yards in 137 carries with three touchdowns. Dennis divided time at tailback with then-freshmen LenDale White and Reggie Bush a year ago, with the trio combining for 1,936 rushing yards.

Michigan's RB situation is unsettled

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — After a woeful 30-carry, 56-yard rushing performance Saturday against Notre Dame, Michigan coach

Lloyd Carr said Monday that the starting tailback spot is up for grabs. This comes two weeks after he had declared senior David Underwood the clear-cut starter.

"Obviously, our ineffectiveness running the football put us in a lot of down-and-distance situations that led to doing a poor job on third down," Carr said of his team's 28-20 loss in South Bend. "We have to get this running game going."

Underwood was anything but spectacular against Miami of Ohio, accumulating 61 yards on 22 carries. Against Notre Dame, Underwood was knocked out of the game and did not return after suffering a mild concussion while throwing a block on the second play from scrimmage.

Underwood had been getting most of the carries in practice, so his absence threw the Wolverines' running attack out of whack, Carr said.

Sophomore Jerome Jackson stepped in to replace the 32 yards on 15 carries, sophomore Pierre Rembert gained 23 yards on four attempts, freshman Michael Hart rushed five times for 17 yards, and fullback Kevin Dudley ran once for 4 yards.

Carr said he's not sure who will start Saturday against San Diego State.

The extent of Underwood's injury remains unknown. Carr said Underwood did not participate in a light workout on Sunday.

Cal-So. Miss postponed by hurricane

The Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Hurricane Ivan forced postponement of Thursday night's game between No. 10 California and Southern Mississippi.

"Our utmost concern at this point is the safety of our student-athletes, coaches, staff, fans and community," Southern Miss athletic director Richard Giannini said in a statement Monday night. "We don't know the exact path of the hurricane or the potential damage it may cause and had planned to make a decision Tuesday morning."

Cal athletic director Steve Gladstone issued a statement earlier Monday saying the game had been postponed and would probably be rescheduled in December.

Southern Miss officials said the makeup date will be announced by Wednesday.

Possibilities include Saturday or Dec. 4, the only remaining weekend neither team has a game scheduled, said Southern Miss senior associate athletic director David Hansen.

Indianapolis 500 changes qualifying

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis 500 will return to four days of qualifying for next year's race, but with a new format of bumping on each day.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Tony George announced a series of scheduled changes Tuesday, including a new qualifying format that could give each car potentially 12 attempts to enter the 33-car lineup.

Other changes for next year's Indy 500 will have the race's start time pushed back from 11 a.m. to noon and the Carburetor Day practice will be moved to Friday from the traditional Thursday schedule.

Under the new qualification format, the first 11 positions would be determined on the first day of qualifications; the next 11 on the second day, and the final 11 on the third day. The fourth day will be the traditional bump day, with

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the slowest qualifiers subject to being bumped from the field, regardless of the day they set their speed.

The speedway has scheduled three days of qualifications for the past several years.

BC basketball coach Skinner gets multiyear extension

BOSTON — Basketball coach Al Skinner signed a contract extension that will keep him at Boston College through the 2009-2010 season, the school announced Tuesday.

In seven seasons at BC, Skinner has compiled a 122-95 record, taking the Eagles to the NCAA tournament in 2001, '02 and '04.

His best season was in 2000-2001, when BC won a school-record 27 games, winning the Big East's East Division regu-

lar-season championship and the Big East Tournament championship.

Lightning re-sign captain Andreychuk

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning re-signed captain Dave Andreychuk to a one-year contract Tuesday.

The signing ended speculation that Andreychuk might retire after winning the Stanley Cup for the first time in his 22-year NHL career. He had been an unrestricted free agent since July 1.

Andreychuk, a center, was signed as a free agent by the Lightning in July 2001 and was named the seventh captain in team history in 2002. He also played for Buffalo, Toronto, New Jersey, Boston and Colorado.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound native of Hamilton, Ontario, is the NHL's career leader in power-play goals and became the 14th player in league history to score 600 career goals.

Year: FEAC's Hobbs doesn't think all things must change

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"Part of the idea of being overseas is having the opportunity to travel. We're going to try our hardest to do that," Hobbs said.

Some things we do want to mess with, though," Hobbs said, citing *Pan American*, which has hosted Girls Class A basketball since its inception in 1990. "That is probably THE model tournament for the Far East. There's great community support, the entire community, they're all involved, and they come together to support it."

Billeting, in some locations, "can pose a problem," Hobbs said. Last year, boys Class A basketball at Olan Air Base, South Korea, was pushed back a week, as was the wrestling tournament at Yokota.

"Some bases have difficulty when military exercises come

through," Hobbs said. "But it isn't a problem that can't be or hasn't been overcome."

"We have to be flexible," said Japan district superintendent Bruce Derr. "Principals need to work with their respective commanders, keep positive relations and continue to work on student behavior."

Increasing competitive opportunities is perhaps the main reason Hobbs says he took the job and why he loves it.

"I'm a firm believer in the role that extracurricular activities play in ... developing students. It's very easy for me to support in any way possible," he said. "I want to make sure things continue to move smoothly and be proactive in preventing anything that can go wrong."

"Right now, I don't see anything going wrong, so it's a matter of keeping the ship on course."

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are Ryder Cup heavyweights?

While the Americans pull rank in the world order, the Euros have won six of nine matches

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

A tale of the tape points to an early knockout in the Ryder Cup. Five Americans have won major championships, the best measure of poise under pressure. Europe doesn't have a major champion on its team for the first time in the past 10 matches.

The Americans have seven players among the top 15 in the world.

Europe has two. U.S. captain Hal Sutton snatched a sheet of paper from the table and scanned down the list of world rankings, indisputable evidence that his team is deep, talented and should be favored again to win the Ryder Cup, just like it is every other year these two continents get together.

One problem. Europe has captured the cup six of the past nine times, and its dominance would be even greater if not for Justin Leonard making a 45-foot birdie putt to cap off an improbable comeback at Brookline five years ago.

Anyone who thinks the Ameri-

cans should be favored hasn't been paying attention.

"Everybody always speculates as to why the Europeans fight above their weight, and the Americans look like heavyweights and fight like featherweights," Sutton said.

"They add up the world ranking, and when you look at the U.S. versus Europe, it's pretty lopsided," he said. "But one great thing about the game of golf is that David beats Goliath sometimes."

It's become hard to figure out who is who.

"Are we the underdogs?" Phil Mickelson said. "That's a good question. They bring out their best game in the event, and we have not in years past."

The Americans will try to change that in the 35th Ryder Cup matches, which start Friday at Oakland Hills in the Detroit suburb, the course Ben Hogan referred to as a "monster" when he won the 1951 U.S. Open.

The United States used to be a beast in this biennial affair, winning 13 consecutive times from 1959 to 1985. The Americans led the series 24-2 since the matches began in 1927.

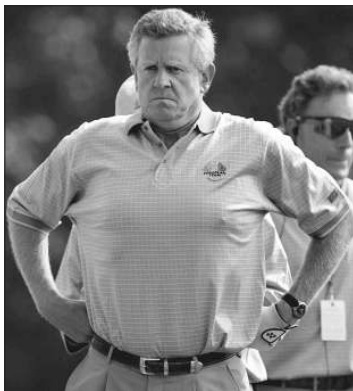
They have always been the favorites, Sergio Garcia said. "But it's all about coming together and playing good golf. And we've been able to raise our bar for that week the last several years."

Europe isn't expected to play over its head this time. While the U.S. again has strong credentials on paper, the teams look evenly matched for the first time since Europe's "Fab Five" — Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros, Ian Woosnam, Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle — started to swing the tide in its favor two decades ago.

Both teams have five Ryder Cup rookies. Both teams have won only five players who have won this year. Both teams have a captain's pick who won the week after he was selected.

Stewart Cink at the NEC Invitational, Luke Donald at the European Masters in Switzerland.

The one advantage for the



Competing in his seventh Ryder Cup, Europe's Colin Montgomerie has more experience in the biennial event than anyone else at Oakland Hills this week. The Scot has a career record of 16-7-5 in the matches.

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United States

Chad Campbell (15th, 0-0-0)
Stewart Cink (12th, 1-2-0)
Chris DiMarco (17th, 0-0-0)
Fred Funk (57th, 0-0-0)
Jim Furyk (10th, 3-6-2)
Jim Kveit (23rd, 3-4-1)
Davis Love III (fifth, 8-9-4)
Phil Mickelson (fourth, 8-9-3)
Kenny Perry (14th, 0-0-0)
Chris Riley (38th, 0-0-0)
David Toms (22nd, 0-0-0)
Tiger Woods (second, 5-2-2)
Captain: Hal Sutton

Europe

Paul Casey, England (28th, 0-0-0)
Barry Clarke, N. Ireland (6th, 4-2-2)
Luke Donald, England (35th, 0-0-0)
Sergio Garcia, Spain (11th, 6-3-1)
Padraig Harrington, Ireland (eighth, 3-3-1)
David Howell, England (66th, 0-0-0)
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain (21st, 1-2-2)
Thomas Levet, France (43rd, 0-0-0)
Paul McInerney, Ireland (64th, 0-1-2)
Colin Montgomerie, Scotland (60th, 16-7-5)
Ian Poulter, England (58th, 0-0-0)
Lee Westwood, England (42nd, 7-5-0)
Captain: Bernhard Langer, Germany

Note: World ranking and Ryder Cup record in parentheses.

no longer the No. 1 player, replaced last week by Vijay Singh after five years at the top of the ranking.

Woods has only one victory this year, and that was seven months ago in the Match Play Championship. As a professional, he has never gone this deep into a year with only one victory worldwide, and he no longer carries an intimidating presence.

That again may be that's what the U.S. team needs — subtle reminders it is no longer the best.

Europe has reason to believe it can go home with the gold challenge. While it has no major championships for the first time since 1981, and Ryder Cup stalwart Colin Montgomerie had to rely on being a captain's pick, several of its players have been in top form for several months.

Miguel Angel Jimenez is a four-time winner in Europe. Thomas Levet looked sharp winning the Scottish Open and contending in the British Open. Donald has won twice in the past two months. Garcia, 24 already playing in his third Ryder Cup, is a two-time winner on the PGA Tour.

"We have far more depth on the PGA Tour than we ever had before," said Langer, the European captain.

The matches have been extraordinarily close — seven of the past nine Ryder Cups have been decided by two points or fewer, one of those ending in a tie (1985).

Even though the Americans have more majors and players with higher world rankings, and even though they will have a raucous crowd behind them for three days at Oakland Hills, Sutton knows what to expect.

"Right now, I'll settle for a win," he said. "The European team is always up to the challenge. They seem to play above their weight. But the Americans are going to be up to the challenge. We're going in there on a par, and we're not going to settle for less."

If they pull it off, some might call that an upset.

Facts and figures

When: Friday-Sunday, Oakland Hills Country Club (South course), Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Course facts: 7,077 yards, par 70. Designed by Donald Ross. The course was Walter Hagen as its first professional. Europe's only European player from its opening in 1918. It's one of three clubs to host the U.S. Open, and the only one that has staged two PGA Championships, two U.S. Senior Opens and the 2002 U.S. Amateur.

Format: Team match play, featuring four matches each of four-rounds, and four-ball on each of the first two days, capped with 12 singles matches on Sunday. Partners alternate shots in four-rounds, in four-ball each plays its own ball and the better of the two scores on each hole is counted. Each match counts one point, with half-points given if a match ends tied. In the event of a 14-14 deadlock, the reigning cup holder (Europe) keeps the trophy.

Series: United States leads 24-2-2. Last meeting (2002): Europe 13-5, United States 12-1 at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, England.

Changes: The only significant change since 2002 U.S. Amateur is construction of a new tee box to shorten the par-4 fourth hole. By turning it into a par-3, the option is there to create a half-point match-play drama.

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Charles Rogers, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2003 draft, has played in only five NFL games.

Detroit WR Rogers to miss rest of season

The Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Detroit Lions wide receiver Charles Rogers was placed on injured reserve Tuesday after breaking his collarbone in the season opener at Chicago, ensuring that he will miss the entire season.

A broken collarbone also sidelined the No. 2 overall pick in the 2003 draft for the last 11 games of the 2003 season. He has 22 catches for 243 yards in the five games he has played.

The Lions also placed running back Paul Smith on injured reserve and signed wide receiver David Kircus and cornerback Vernon Fox.

Rogers will have surgery later this week or early next week, coach Steve Mariucci said. "I just spoke with Charles, and he's very disappointed," Mariucci said. "I told him that's he not to blame. He's 23 and he's got a lot of football ahead of him."

Tai Streets will replace Rogers in the starting lineup, while David Kircus, who saw limited action with the Lions last season, likely will be promoted from the practice squad to replace him on the roster.

"We've got to play with what we have," Mariucci said. "That's why we signed Tai and why we drafted Roy Williams. We'd love to have Charles out there, but it just isn't in the cards for this year."

The Lions also lost Pro Bowl cornerback Dre' Bly to a knee injury, but in this case, the news was better.

Dre' has a Grade II medial collateral ligament sprain — that means it is somewhere between a bruise and a tear," Mariucci said. "He's probably going to miss a couple games and come back after the bye."

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis (from Friday's report to complete injury report provided by the league):

Backers: WR Jody Galloway (groin tear) out 4 to 6 weeks.

Lions: CB Dre' Bly (knee ligament strain) out 2 weeks.

Vikings: RB Michael Bennett (sprained ankle) out 1 week.

Texans: TE Tim Lincecum (knee ligament damage) out 2 weeks.

Titans: G Zach Miller (ruptured left biceps) out 3 to 5 months.

Seattle RB Alexander thinks he'll play

The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander has a bone bruise on his right knee, but could play in this week's game at Tampa Bay.

"It might be a week or two," coach Mike Holmgren said Monday. "There's a chance he can play this week. We'll just have to see how it goes."

Said Alexander: "I'm a fast healer. I'll be all right."

An MRI exam disclosed the injury, which was reported as a knee sprain during Seattle's 21-7 win Sunday at New Orleans. Alexander rushed for 135 yards on 28 carries, ran for two touchdowns and caught a TD pass.

Doctors told him he was fortunate no ligaments were torn.

"The knee bone and the leg bone, they smashed into each other and that's not normal," Alexander

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under said. "Everyone said that I'm really bleedin'. Normally, you tear an ACL or an MCL when that happens. Mine didn't."

If Alexander can't play next week, Maurice Morris or Kerry Carter will step in. Holmgren said it won't change his team's preparation.

49ers QB Rattay has separated shoulder

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Quarterback Ken Dorsey is expected to make his first NFL start for the San Francisco 49ers after Tim Rattay was diagnosed with a separated right shoulder Monday.

Coach Dennis Erickson said Dorsey, the former University of Miami star and a seventh-round

draft pick in 2003, will start in New Orleans on Sunday unless Rattay's injury heals much more quickly than expected. The 49ers don't know how long Rattay will be hindered by the injury.

Dorsey led two scoring drives in his first NFL action on Sunday. But after Dorsey got a stinger in his right shoulder late in the third quarter, Rattay returned and led three lengthy drives, throwing two touchdown passes.

In other 49ers news, General Manager Terry Donahue signed a four-year contract extension that will keep him with the club through 2009, owner John York said.

Eagles re-sign RB Levens

PHILADELPHIA — Dorsey Levens returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday, signing a one-year deal, a little more than a week after the Eagles released him.

The Eagles also signed tackle Ian Allen, placed guard Shawn Andrews on injured reserve and released safety Clinton Hart.

Vikings sign CBs Shaw, Brown

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings added a pair of cornerbacks on Tuesday, signing Terrance Shaw and Ralph Brown.

The Vikings lost backup cornerback Ken Irvin before Sunday's opener against Dallas when he ruptured his right Achilles' tendon in pregame warmups. That left the team thin at cornerback behind starters Antoine Winfield and Brian Williams.

Shaw had 10 knockouts in 15 games in 2003 before signing with Carolina in April. The Panthers cut him earlier this month.

Brown started 10 of 36 career games for the New York Giants and was cut by Washington this preseason.

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American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	10	13
Miami	0	1	0	.000	7	17
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	20	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	20	27
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	20	20
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	30
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	24	27
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	24
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	24	24
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	24	24

National Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	16	16
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	17	39
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	17	39
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	21	24
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	14	16
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	16	24
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	26	17
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	14
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	16	20
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	21	17
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	20	17

Thursday's game

New England 27, Indianapolis 24

Saturday's game

Tennessee 17, Miami 7

Sunday's games

Detroit 20, Chicago 16	Indianapolis 24, N.Y. Jets 31
Pittsburgh 24, Oakland 21	San Diego 27, Houston 20
St. Louis 17, Arizona 10	Washington 16, Tampa Bay 10
Seattle 21, New Orleans 13	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Jacksonville 13, Buffalo 10	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Cleveland 20, Baltimore 3	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Atlanta 21, San Francisco 19	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Denver 24, Kansas City 24	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Philadelphia 31, N.Y. Giants 17	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Green Bay 24, Carolina 14	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Monday's game	
Green Bay 24, Carolina 14	Seattle 21, New Orleans 13
Sunday, Sept. 19	
Houston at Detroit	St. Louis at Atlanta
Chicago at Green Bay	Washington at N.Y. Giants
Buffalo at Oakland	Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Indianapolis at Tennessee	Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Baltimore	Carolina at Kansas City
San Francisco at New Orleans	Seattle at Tampa Bay
Seattle at Tampa Bay	Seattle at Tampa Bay
Atlanta at Dallas	N.Y. Jets at San Diego
Buffalo at Oakland	Buffalo at Oakland
New England at Arizona	Miami at Cincinnati
Monday, Sept. 20	
Minnesota at Seattle	Minnesota at Seattle
Sunday, Sept. 26	
Open dates: Buffalo, Carolina, New England, New York Jets	Arizona at Baltimore
Baltimore at Cincinnati	Philadelphia at Detroit
Houston at Kansas City	Chicago at Kansas City
Chicago at Minnesota	Cleveland at New York Giants
Cincinnati at St. Louis	Jacksonville at Tennessee
San Diego at Denver	San Diego at Denver
Tampa Bay at Oakland	Tampa Bay at Oakland
Monday, Sept. 27	
Dallas at Washington	Dallas at Washington

Coughlin: On time really means early

Giants fined for arriving at meeting only a few minutes ahead of schedule

BY TOM CANAVAN
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Three New York Giants have filed complaints with the NFL Players Association after being fined by coach Tom Coughlin for not being "early enough" to team meetings.

Linebackers Carlos Emmons and Barret Green and cornerback Terry Cousin were fined \$500 apiece for arriving only a couple of minutes early for a recent meeting, NFLPA spokesman Carl Francis said Monday.

Unless resolved, Francis said the complaints would eventually become a grievance that would

be reviewed by an arbitrator.

Coughlin became annoyed on Monday when asked about his rules for players being on time for meetings.

Coughlin wants players at meetings five minutes before their scheduled start.

"What's that got to do with talking about the Philadelphia Eagles game? Can we talk about that game," Coughlin said a day

"Players ought to be there on time, period. If you are on time, you are on time. Meetings start five minutes early."

Tom Coughlin
Giants coach

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New York was beaten 31-17 in his Giants coaching debut.

When pressed specifically on players being fined for not being early enough, Coughlin said a player could not be fined for being on time.

"Players ought to be there on time, period," Coughlin said. "If you are on time, you are on time. Meetings start five minutes early."

Francis said the association has not received any other complaints from the Giants regarding fines for not being early enough for a meeting.

However, reports said that Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan was fined \$1,000 for not being early enough for a meeting last week.

"That's between me and everybody else," Coughlin said when asked about Strahan, then walked out of the media room.

Strahan refused to discuss the alleged fine.

"I have no interest in talking about it," he said. "You heard it. Talk about football now, not that."

Colts Vanderjagt eager to start a new streak

BY MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Vanderjagt thinks he should make every kick for the Indianapolis Colts. Anything less is unacceptable.

So when Vanderjagt missed a game-winning 48-yard last week in New England, he grimaced, clapped his hands once and walked away feeling sick.

The miss snapped his NFL record for consecutive field goals at 42, but did little to dampen the confidence that has made him one of league's top kickers.

"It was supreme disappointment," Vanderjagt said Monday. "I have higher expectations for not being than anyone could possibly imagine."

Since joining the Colts in 1998, Vanderjagt has typically met his lofty goals.

The Canadian has scored at least 100 points in a club-record six straight seasons and has made an amazing 14 of 20 kicks from at least 50 yards.

And few kickers could match Vanderjagt's success in 2003 when he made the Pro Bowl for the first time, became the fourth kicker in league history to complete a perfect season by making all 37 field goals and 46 extra points and broke the NFL record for consecutive field goals with his 41st in the finale in Houston. He extended the record to 42 Thursday night before pushing the 48-yard wide right in the Colts' 27-24 loss.

Now, Vanderjagt must start over.

"It meant the world to me because I expect perfection, and I was achieving it," he said of the streak. "So it was very disappointing."

But one miss has not changed Vanderjagt.

He still holds the distinction of being the most accurate kicker in NFL history, with a field-goal percentage of 87.5, and by most accounts, he also is the league's most confident kicker.

He has embraced fans who try to chastise him, welcomes timeouts teams take to freeze him and even has been caught making a money sign while standing on the sideline before a big attempt.

That's just Vanderjagt.

"Mike is cocky," cornerback Nick Harper said. "He's a sure a thing as you get."

On the field, Vanderjagt has proven his value. Despite doing most of his work indoors, he's delivered consistently in rain, fog and cold weather and has excelled in some of the harshest environments.

In a driving snowstorm in Denver in 2002, Vanderjagt hit a 53-yarder to force overtime and a game-winning 51-yarder, and he has been nearly as good outdoors (87.2 percent) as indoors (87.7).

So, when he missed on a rainy night in Foxboro, Mass., Vanderjagt blamed himself — not the conditions.

"I hurried it," he said. "There are three

things I usually tell myself, and the first thing is patience. Then I forget everything I told myself when I kicked it. [Patriots kicker Adam] Vinatieri made them, I should have made them."

Vanderjagt also has a brush, unconventional at best.

His locker is adorned with a Nerf basketball hoop and a wheeled desk chair — things his teammates do not possess. In training camp, he joked about extending the streak to a nice round number such as 50.

In January 2003, he even dared to criticize quarterback Peyton Manning and coach Tony Dungy publicly before making awards and then producing his best NFL season.

But his teammates believe he's the best kicker in the game even when he does make an occasional mistake.

"He didn't lose the game for us, but it was a shocker," defensive tackle Monte Reagar said. "He's one guy we can count on."

Just one game into 2004, though, Vanderjagt's most cherished record is in the books.

The streak is history, and he'll have to wait until Sunday in Tennessee to try to match or surpass Dean Baisucci's franchise record for field goals. Baisucci has 176, Vanderjagt 175.

All Vanderjagt is thinking about this week is starting a new streak that will allow him to break his own record.

"I'm so eager to start a new one," he said. "First, you've got to make 20, then 30, then 40. Forty-two is nice, but it's not good enough."

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See websites for official game rules.

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Rangers' Francisco throws chair into stands

Reliever arrested, charged with battery; fan hospitalized with broken nose

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

OKLAND, Calif. — Texas reliever Frank Francisco was arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of aggravated battery after he threw a chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spectators in the head during Monday night's loss to the Oakland Athletics.

One of the fans, an unidentified woman, was bloodied and her nose was broken.

Major League Baseball's commissioner's office said Tuesday morning that it was investigating. Francisco was taken from the stadium to jail, where he was booked, fingerprinted and his mug shot was taken. He was released about two hours later on \$15,000 bail, Oakland Police spokesman Danielle Ashford said.

With two outs in the ninth inning, the Rangers' Alfonso Soriano led the game 5-5 with his second homer of the night. Mo-



Francisco

ments later, with Hank Blalock at the plate, the Texas bench and bullpen cheered.

After the game, Rangers manager Buck Showalter said the fans "went over the line."

"It was a real break from the normal trash you hear from fans. We've had problems about every time we've come here," he said.

But on Tuesday, Texas owner Tom Hicks apologized "for the conduct of some members of our club last night in Oakland."

"Their behavior, especially the injury to a fan, was unacceptable. Even in a difficult or abusive environment, players should

never be provoked into such actions," Hicks said in a statement, adding that he had been in contact with the commissioner's office. He did not say whether Francisco or any other player would be punished.

Athletics spokesman Jim Young said the fans involved "were not in the wrong in any way."

Texas reliever Doug Brocail was seen screaming at a male fan, and the pitcher had to be restrained by his teammates and bullpen coach Mark Connor. Others also had to be held back.

Francisco threw the plastic ball-boy's chair at a fan in a lower box near the Rangers' bullpen along the right-field line. The chair hit one man in the head, then bounced and struck the woman on her left temple.

Security ran to the scene and a small section of fans was cleared from their seats.

A's manager Ken Macha came across

the field to speak to Dave Rinetti, vice president of stadium operations, before play resumed 19 minutes later.

There was talk between the umpires and managers of suspending the game, clearing the stands and forfeiting the game, which Oakland won 7-6 in 10 innings.

"From what I understand, there was some calls made to security early during the game but I have no idea what started it out there," crew chief Joe Brinkman said.

After the game, Francisco was escorted by police into a car that had been driven onto the field after the stadium was cleared out.

The injured woman was treated at a hospital for facial cuts and a broken nose, the A's said.

Francisco, 25, was the American League rookie of the month for August, when he was 3-0 with a 1.69 ERA.

Associated Press writer Lisa Left contributed to this story.

Bonds' pursuit of Aaron goes through Milwaukee

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

BARRY BONDS always prefers to reach his milestones at home. With the San Francisco Giants on the road for the next three games, hitting his 700th homer in the city where Hank Aaron began his pursuit of the career home run record would be almost as special.

After hitting home run No. 699 in his final at-bat Sunday in Arizona, Bonds' first shot at 700 was scheduled to come on Tuesday night, when the Giants opened a three-game series at Milwaukee. "That would be nice," Bonds said. "I'll wait and see what happens. I've just got to focus on the next game against Milwaukee — you know, kind of get a feel of what's going on out there first. I don't know what's going to happen."

Eleven-game winner Doug Davis was to start the opener for the Brewers — and the left-hander is one of 414 pitchers to surrender a homer to the 40-year-old Bonds during the slugger's 19-year career. Bonds entered Tuesday's game 1-for-3 with two walks against Davis.

As hard as it's been for Bonds to get hittable pitches lately, he's more focused on the wild-card race, which the Giants led going into Milwaukee. Bonds keeps reminding everybody that his accomplishments are going to mean less to him later if he never wins a World Series ring.

The Giants fell six outs short in 2002, losing to Anaheim in seven games.

"The excitement is just the

fact that we're still in this whole thing right now and all of you guys voted us to be second to last.

That's what's gratifying," he said.

Bonds is third on the career homers list behind Babe Ruth (714) and Aaron, who hit 420 of his 755 homers while playing for the Milwaukee Braves and Brewers.

Bonds has 41 home runs this season, but getting them is becoming increasingly difficult as he sees fewer and fewer pitches to hit. He walked twice Sunday, upping his record total to 203 this year.

"If you don't start your car eventually, the battery goes dead," Bonds said. "I'm sitting over there just rooting for everybody and, hopefully, we're staying in this thing, but my car's got to start, too, once in a while."

Bonds has been so busy dealing with questions about his pursuit of Ruth and Aaron, it's almost as if everybody has forgotten about

the steroid scandal that surrounded him when this season began.

Bonds' personal trainer and longtime friend, Greg Anderson, is one of four men charged in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied dozens of professional athletes with banned substances. They have pleaded not guilty.

Giants manager Felipe Alou has praised Bonds for his ability to stay focused.

"This guy will never get out of his mood or his program or his way of doing things," Alou said. "Never. Nothing will move that guy."

Bonds wanted to get to 700 during the team's last homestand. He hit career homer No. 660 — to the godfather Willie Mays — and also 661 at home earlier this season. He also hit his 500th homer in San Francisco in 2001, and later that season broke Mark McGwire's single-season record by hitting Nos. 71-73 at home the final week of the season.

Aaron believes Bonds will pass him soon enough.

"I think it's just a matter of time — maybe a year, two years," Aaron said. "I think he will. I'll be happy. Everybody will be after him then. They won't be involving me. Records are made to be broken."

Bonds has 19 career homers against Milwaukee, including four at Miller Park, which opened in 2001. He has also walked 52 times and has a 373 average against the Brewers.

If the Brewers don't pitch to him, Bonds almost certainly will do it when the Giants return to San Francisco on Friday to begin a nine-game homestand with three games against the San Diego Padres.

"He's got to take advantage of anybody who throws a strike, whether it's a Japanese, a Korean or an Iraqi," Alou said recently.

Opposing managers are asked daily whether they plan to pitch to the six-time NL MVP, and the answer is usually no.

Colorado skipper Clint Hurdle said he owed it to the men in his clubhouse to give them the best chance to win, and pitching to Bonds wouldn't do that.

Hurdle did allow the Rockies to throw a handful of hittable pitches to Bonds last week at Coors Field, but for the most part his club has been most successful this season by issuing free passes to Bonds and making the Giants' other batters beat them.

His teammates have been suc-

cessful enough batting behind him that Bonds is second in the majors with 115 runs scored.

"Regardless if you do well or you don't do well, you want to participate in your team's success or failure," he said. "That's what's more important — to go out there and compete and be able to take it on the chin or punch someone on the chin, whichever one comes first. It's hard at times, and I think our team has been doing well and we've been handling it pretty well."

Associated Press sports writers Ron Blum and Mel Reiser contributed to this story.



Barry Bonds has 41 home runs this season and a record 203 walks.

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Torre left speechless by blowout loss to K.C.

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Torre was left speechless by the loss of New York Yankees' latest embarrassing loss.

Two weeks ago, when Cleveland shocked the top team in the AL with a 22-0 clobbering, the Yankees manager called his players to a meeting.

But after the Kansas City Royals scored 10 runs in the fifth inning of a 17-8 rout

Monday night, Torre decided just to let it go.

"I don't know what I would say to them," Torre said. "We didn't pitch very well. We know we can score runs, but in order to win we need to pitch. It was not a good day."

John Buck hit a three-run homer and Angel Berroa had two hits and scored twice in the fifth inning.

The Royals sent 15 men to the plate against four pitchers in the briefest inning against the Yankees since Boston scored 11 in a 13-7 victory on May 31, 1998.

It was the second double-digit inning in a week for the Royals, the AL's losingest team. They scored 11 in the third inning of a 26-5 victory Thursday over the Detroit Tigers.

On Monday, Kansas City scored on a walk, a ball, two pitches, a home run and three singles and dropped New York's lead to three games in the AL East over idle Boston.

Berroa wound up with five hits and scored five runs and Buck also had a single and two doubles and a career-best five RBIs for the Royals, who had lost six in a row to the Yankees and beaten them only twice in their last 10 meetings at home.

Brian Anderson (4-11) went six



Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki went hitless for the third time in four games in Monday's 5-1 loss to the Anaheim Angels.

innings and gave up nine hits and three runs.

Orioles 9, Blue Jays 1: Bruce Chen won for the first time in more than two years, and Rafael Palmeiro homered during visiting Baltimore's five-run opening inning.

Chen (1-0) allowed just five hits and a run in his first career complete game and first victory since April 21, 2002, for Montreal against the New York Mets.

Toronto starter Justin Miller (3-4), pitching a day after his grandfather died, got two outs in the first before allowing seven straight batters to reach base.

Twins 5, Tigers 3: Lew Ford homered and drove in two runs to back a strong outing by Brad Radke, helping Minnesota capture a four-game sweep in Detroit.

Radke (11-7) allowed a run and seven hits in seven innings, and Joe Nathan got the first out in his 43rd save in 46 chances.

Jason Johnson (8-14) allowed four runs — three earned — and 10 hits in seven innings.

Angels 5, Mariners 1: Kelvin Escobar (10-10) pitched seven strong innings and Garrett Anderson hit a three-run homer.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki was hitless — 0-for-4 with a walk — in the third time in four games. Rookie Cha Seung Baek (1-3) was the loser.

Marlins leading Windy City with breeze at their backs

Florida beats Montreal again to close out Chicago visit

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Florida Marlins found an appropriately wild end for their weird stay in Chicago.

The Marlins homered three times in a six-run third inning, and Jeff Conine drove in the winning run with a walk Tuesday to lift Florida to an 8-6 victory over the Montreal Expos at U.S. Cellular Field. Alex Gonzalez hit a solo homer, and Conine and Miguel Cabrera each had two-run shots.

With Hurricane Ivan bearing down on Florida, Major League Baseball decided last week to move the first two games of the Marlins series with the Expos from Miami to Chicago.

The Windy City is a long way from South Florida, but the Marlins took to their new home like, well, a fish in water.

They won both games, and have won seven of their past 10 games in Chicago.

A crowd of 5,457 turned out Tuesday, paying \$15 — \$5 went to Hurricane relief — for the rare chance to see a National League game in an American League park.

The crowd again seemed to be split between Marlins and Expos fans, but the Florida groupies were much more vocal Tuesday. McKeon spent several minutes signing autographs before the game, and he gave him a standing ovation when he argued with umpires over a no-call on fan interference.

"We like Chicago and the enthusiasm of our fans," McKeon said before the game.

He also liked the hospitality of White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen, who was the Marlins'

NL Roundup

third-base coach last year. McKeon pointed out when he got to Guillen's office Monday that Guillen hadn't left him any cigars.

When McKeon arrived Tuesday, there was a pack of five cigars waiting for him.

"He sent me a note saying, 'I'm sorry I forgot the cigars,'" McKeon said.

Asked if they were good, McKeon said, "I haven't tried 'em yet."

He might want to light up a celebratory one as the Marlins head back south Tuesday night.

The Marlins chased Scott Downs after the third inning. Florida's Alex Gonzalez got things started with a solo homer, his 20th of the season. Pitcher Iliana Valdez reached on an error — Montreal's fourth in two days — and Juan Pierre singled. One out later, Paul Lo Duca hit a sacrifice fly to give Florida a 2-1 lead.

Cabrera then followed with a homer off the foul pole in left field and, one batter later, Jeff Conine homered to make it 6-1.

In NL games played Monday:

Mets 9-1, Braves 7-7: J.D. Drew had four hits and three RBIs, and Paul Byrd (7-5) pitched eight strong innings in the nightcap, helping Atlanta earn a clubhouse share of the World Series.

The NL East-leading Braves sent the Mets to their 20th loss in 23 games.

In the first game, Mike Piazza, Wilson Delgado and Richard Hidalgo homered, pinch-hitter Craig Brazell came through with

a go-ahead double and the Mets rallied for the win. Aaron Liles (1-1) earned his first major league victory in more than a year.

Padres 9, Dodgers 7: At Los Angeles, Phil Diering homered twice and drove in four runs, and David Wells (11-7) won his fifth straight decision despite giving up a season-high three homers.

The NL West-leading Dodgers saw their lead drop to 4½ games over idle San Francisco, while the Padres moved within two games of the Giants in the wild-card race.

Cubs 7, Pirates 2: Sammy Sosa homered for the first time in more than two weeks and Derrek Lee drove in three runs to help the Cubs moved within a half-game of San Francisco in the wild-card race with a home victory.

Moises Alou and Nefti Perez also homered for the Cubs. Greg Maddux (14-9) scattered five hits over seven scoreless innings.

Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 2: Vinny Castilla reeked 300 career homers and 1,000 RBIs with two of Colorado's five home runs, and the visiting Rockies dealt Arizona its 101st loss of the season and 10th in 11 games.

Luis Gonzalez hit a three-run homer off Arizona starter Casey Fossum (4-13), and Castilla, Jerry Burnitz and Brad Hawpe added one shot off reliever Lance Cormier.

The paid attendance was a franchise-record low 22,070.

Reds 4, Phillies 3: At Cincinnati, Jason LaRue drove in the go-ahead run on a fielder's choice grounder in the eighth and the Reds snapped Philadelphia's six-game winning streak.

Howe on shaky ground with Mets

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Manager Art Howe met with New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon and General Manager Jim Duquette on Tuesday, one day after saying that if the team planned to fire him, it should do it now.

"They called me in," Howe said before the game against the Atlanta Braves. "We had a very good discussion, a private discussion. A lot of things were discussed. "When something should be announced, it will be announced. Nothing is being disclosed at this time. All I can say is I'm managing tonight. I take it one day at a time. It's not over yet."

The Daily News reported on Monday that Mets brass had decided at a weekend meeting to fire Howe at the end of the season. He has two wins and \$4.7 million remaining on his contract.

After being just one game out of first place in early July, the Mets have faded badly, beset by

Briefs

an epidemic of injuries that stripped the roster of many regulars. There were an 11-game losing streak and the team had just three wins in 23 games before Tuesday night.

Howe has a two-year record of 128-177, the worst for any Mets manager in the past 20 years.

Giambi finishes rehab stint

RICHMOND, Va. — New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi went 0-for-4 in his final rehabilitation game with Columbus on Monday night, going 2-for-16 with four strikeouts in the Clippers' five-game series loss to Richmond in the International League semifinals.

The five-time All-Star is recovering from a benign tumor and hasn't played for the Yankees since July 23.

He's expected to rejoin the Yankees, but wasn't sure if he's ready to play.

"It's tough to tell," he said. "I came here from scratch."

Garcia parr on another week

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will miss at least five more games after tests showed he has a moderate strain of his right groin.

Garciaparra hit his 29th Saturday's game in the fifth inning after reinjuring the groin, which had been bothering him for several days.

Jays re-sign Of Catalanotto

TORONTO — Outfielder Frank Catalanotto and the Toronto Blue Jays agreed Monday to a \$5.4 million, two-year contract extension through 2006.

Catalanotto will make \$2.7 million in each of the next two seasons. He hit his 29th Saturday's game in the fifth inning after reinjuring the groin, which had been bothering him for several days.

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A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

The year in review

FEAC chief Hobbs looks back at first 12 months as time of observing, change

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

TORII STATION, Okinawa — Don Hobbs had said that his first year as Far East Activities Council chair would be one of "observing." But when the former basketball coach and tournament director at Okinawa's Kubasaki High School observed something needing to be fixed, he acted.

Tennis and cross country became annual, instead of biennial, Far East events. A 13th weight class was added in wrestling. And Far East soccer was moved to mid-May, away from late April, to resolve Japan's Golden Week travel and Advanced Placement test conflicts.

Hobbs, 55, promoted last year to the FEAC chair's position, shies from any suggestion that he was solely, or even chiefly, responsible for the changes.

"It wasn't all me," the native of Roseburg, Ore., said. "We work as a unit. The structure of FEAC lends itself to a lot of positive, constructive changes in Far East activities."

The nine-member panel, representing each of the four DODDS-Pacific districts, meets twice yearly on Okinawa. Before the meeting, FEAC members seek ideas and agenda items from their school administrators, coaches, athletics directors, even parents.

"There are a lot of good ideas, lots of good discussion," Hobbs said.

Part of the discussion at a FEAC meeting last October was how to finance tennis and cross country as annual sports, which they are both "lifetime" sports was important, Hobbs said.

FEAC's solution was to reduce



Courtesy of Heather Mendoca

Don Hobbs, right, DODDS-Pacific's Far East Activities Council chair, chats with Kadena Buccaneers coach Brian Wetherington after Saturday's Okinawa Activities Council press conference football jamboree at Kadena High School, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

the number of participants in boys and girls basketball and soccer from 10 to 10.

"I'm really proud of what occurred at the meetings," he said, adding that the changes were examples of FEAC acting by consensus.

As for the immediate future, Hobbs said he sees no glaring issues that need repair.

Athletic directors seem to agree.

"Things are going well. I haven't heard otherwise," said Don Hedgepath, who's in his 11th year as Seoul American's athletic director.

Instead of more changes ahead, Hobbs envisions some fine-tuning. He plans to send out what he calls a Far East event checklist, covering everything from ticketing to transportation to awards, programs and pre-publicity as a guideline for event directors.

"But I want the specific formats left up to the host school," said Hobbs, citing FEAC policy.

DODDS-Pacific plans to continue rotating tournaments every two years among different host sites, which Hobbs calls an "unwritten guideline."

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Hazing to intra-high school competition: Hobbs on more Far East sports topics

Other topics discussed by Far East Activities Council chair Don Hobbs and others in a wide-ranging interview Thursday:

Hazing: Came under the national spotlight last fall when the football season at Wellington C. McMahon High, Bellmore, N.Y., was suspended last year after a hazing incident at a summer camp in Pennsylvania.

"It was unanimous among FEAC members, there is no place for this," Hobbs said. "We take a 'zero-tolerance' approach to this,

before we get some bad news."

"If it does happen, there will be consequences," added Japan district superintendent Bruce Derr. Punishments will include travel, no participation at Far East, no awards; their punishment may spill over into the next sport season," he said.

High school football's future: Questions persist about Japan's and Okinawa's continued Rising Sun Bowl involvement and whether DODDS-Korea's and Guam High's programs might fit in.

Involving Guam and Korea "will be under consideration and we will be observing what happens this year, but I can't even promise they'll be in the mix next year or even when they'll come into the mix," Hobbs said. "We're just going to see how Korea's program develops for now."

Split squads on Okinawa, unified teams in Japan: The Japan representative in the Rising Sun Bowl is a unified team representing its entire school, but Okinawa's representative is one of

four split squads from two schools, the Kadena Islanders and Buccaneers and Kubasaki Shogun and Samurai.

"There's been some talk" of a unified Kadena Panthers or Kubasaki Dragons team representing Okinawa at Rising Sun, Hobbs said.

"But for right now, the agreement stated that it would be one of the split teams coming from Kubasaki or Kadena. We aren't ruling out the possibility of change. But for now ... it's going to remain that way."

This week's schedule

Football
Sat. Sept. 18
 Guam High at George Washington, 10 a.m.; Guam High at Guam Sports Complex, 5:30 p.m.; Simon Sanchez at John F. Kennedy, 5 p.m.

Cross country
Thursday, Sept. 16
 St. Paul Christian vs. Notre Dame at Vigo Fire Station, 5 a.m.; Father Damien Memorial Academy of Our Lady vs. John F. Kennedy at Two Rivers Point, 5 a.m.; Harvest Christian Academy vs. Simon Sanchez at Tiyen, 5 p.m.; St. John's at Southern, 5 p.m.

Girls volleyball
Friday, Sept. 17
 St. John's at Guam High, 5:30 p.m.; Simon Sanchez at Notre Dame, 5:30 p.m.; St. Paul Christian at George Washington, 5:30 p.m.; John F. Kennedy at Southern, 5:30 p.m.; Guam International Christian Academy vs. Harvest Christian Academy at Guam Sports Complex, 5:30 p.m.

Second round
Saturday, Sept. 18
 St. John's vs. Simon Sanchez at Vigo Fire Station, 5 a.m.; Harvest Christian Academy vs. Simon Sanchez at Guam Sports Complex, 5:30 p.m.; Academy of Our Lady at Guam High, 5:30 p.m.; Notre Dame at George Washington, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis
Thursday, Sept. 16
 St. John's at St. Paul Christian, 5:30 p.m.; Guam International Christian Academy vs. Simon Sanchez at Guam Sports Complex, 5:30 p.m.; George Washington at Academy of Our Lady, 5:30 p.m.; Harvest Christian Academy at Guam High, 5:30 p.m.; Notre Dame at Southern, 5:30 p.m.

Football
Friday, Sept. 17
 American School in Japan at Nile C. Kinicki, 7 p.m.; Harvest Christian Academy at Atsugi Naval Air Station, 7 p.m.

Girls volleyball
Saturday, Sept. 18
 American School in Japan vs. E.J. King at Yokosuka Naval Base, 5:30 p.m.; Nile C. Kinicki, 5:30 p.m.; Yokosuka at Robert D. Edgren, 7 p.m.; St. Maur Int'l at Zama, 7 p.m.; Yokohama Int'l at Seisen Int'l, 7 p.m.

Tennis
Friday, Sept. 17
 Yokosuka at Robert D. Edgren, 3 p.m.; Nile C. Kinicki at Seisen Int'l, 5 p.m.; St. Maur Int'l at Zama, 5 p.m.; Harvest Christian Academy vs. Simon Sanchez at Tiyen, 5 p.m.; Harvest Christian Academy vs. Simon Sanchez at Tiyen, 5 p.m.; Harvest Christian Academy vs. Simon Sanchez at Tiyen, 5 p.m.

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Chris Roach

Football
 Yokota, Japan

Last week: Rung 23 times for 233 yards and three touchdowns and earned an interception for a TD as the Panthers ran their Japan Football League record to 2-0 by defeating Zama America 34-0 Friday at Yokota Air Base's Bunk Field.

Roach amassed 277 all-purpose yards in Friday's contest, including Yokota's 52.7 season-opening victory Sept. 4 over Robert D. Edgren. Roach this season has piled up 492 yards and 10 touchdowns on 25 touches.



His rushing performance Friday was the highest one-game JFL total in three seasons.

"We think Chris has a fantastic attitude at practice, that he's serious and the game means a lot to him," coach Tim Fujid said. "We kind of like Chris up as an example to the rest of the team as an attitude and work habit that we like to have. He's a pretty humble guy, kind of quiet to give credit to the people around him. He's a joy to coach and a joy to know."

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Kimberly Lee

Girls volleyball
 Seoul American, South Korea

Last week: Served a combined 36-for-38 with 10 aces and added 17 assists as the Falcons won their two matches to open the Korean-American Intercollegiate Activities Conference season. The Falcons opened Thursday by downing Ocean American 25-17, 25-15, 25-18, then followed Saturday by toppling Seoul International 25-10, 25-15, 25-5.

Lee, a junior, steps into huge shoes left behind by former All-League and All-Far East setter Jo Bruce,



who graduated in June.

"She would like it to be time to put the name Jo Bruce to rest and start to mold her own legacy. She's on her way but that has to be tough for anybody to be compared to somebody who's not around any more," coach Denny Hilgar said.

"She's really a change of running the entire offense and kind of taking control of things as we go. What sets the kids like and making sure the ball gets there, but also being the floor leader that the kids look up to expect from a setter. And she's getting off to a good start."

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Packers add insult to Panthers' injury

Green shreds defending NFC champs for 3 TDs; Smith suffers broken leg

BY JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Everything went right for the Carolina Panthers last season, from lucky bounces to staying injury free.

One game into the new season, all that has changed.

The Panthers became the sixth consecutive team to lose the Super Bowl and then drop their ensuing season opener with a 24-14 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Monday night.

Everything went wrong, from a pair of turnovers that led to 14 Green Bay points, to losing star receiver Steve Smith to a broken leg late in the fourth quarter.

"I might cry a little," Smith said. "But what are you going to do? Last year we didn't have hardly any injuries, and this year I am the first victim."

Ahman Green ran all over the defending NFC champions, scoring three touchdowns and running for 119 yards for the Packers. He never expected to be so successful against a defense that only gave up four individual 100-yard rushing games last season.

"Whatever is called, we just run it and keep pounding away until it works," Green said.

But his effort was draining: He needed intravenous fluids for more than 45 minutes after the game to treat dehydration.

Green scored on touchdown runs of 3 and 6 yards, and caught a 3-yard scoring pass from Brett Favre to pile on the Panthers.

"I was surprised at how well we ran the ball," Favre said. "Our philosophy is we'll wear you down before you wear us down."

The Packers could have had that chance in January, if not for Favre's errant final pass on his first snap in overtime of the divisional playoffs against Philadelphia. The pass was intercepted and set up the Eagles' winning field goal.

Carolina then beat the Eagles to advance to the first Super Bowl in team history.

But the Panthers looked nothing like that team Monday night.

Unable to stop the run or run the ball — the two main principles that carried them all last season — the Panthers were out of sync from the start.

"We didn't get in a groove, and when we did get the opportunities, we didn't make the plays," said Stephen Davis, who ran for just 26 yards. "It's all of us. We've got to get better."

The Panthers also showed just how bad their patchwork offensive line really is. With three starters from last season gone, a rotating group of aging veterans has gamely tried to fill the holes.

They weren't very effective, struggling to open holes or protect Jake Delhomme.

Carolina managed just 38 yards on the ground, and Delhomme often threw his hands up in disgust when hurrying a pass.

"One game doesn't define a season, and I really think we're better than we showed," center Jeff Mitchell said.

The lone bright spot came on Delhomme's 30-yard touchdown pass to Muhsin Muhammad that cut the score to 24-14 with 4:46 to play.



Packers running back Ahman Green (30) is tackled by Panthers linebacker Dan Morgan after a short gain. Green ran for 119 yards and scored three touchdowns as Green Bay dominated the opener Monday night. AP

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